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Raiders

Bert Butler, 65, (right), and his wife Eleni, 60, photographed by a security camera during their armed raid on a London building society branch last Dec 31. The couple who planned the raid in a desperate bid to get out of debt, stood trial at the Old Bailey on Friday and will be sentenced next month. (Reuter wirephoto)

Saved life

CHICAGO, May 27, (AP): A surgeon said yesterday she saved the life of a gunshot victim by plugging the bullet holes in his heart with her fingers and massaging the organ to keep it beating during a 14-minute helicopter ride to a trauma centre.

Dr Wendy Marshall said she cradled the exposed heart in her hands and kept the patient from bleeding to death while she supervised his transfer Thursday from a Joliet hospital to a suburban trauma centre equipped for open-heart surgery.

Surgeons there repaired the holes and the patient, Tommy Lee "Tony" Hairston, was doing well yesterday, said Ms Marshall, director of Loyola University Medical Centre's trauma unit and its air medical service.

Avoiding tax

LONDON, May 27, (Reuter): A retired British dock worker has declared himself a monk and named his bungalow "Alfresco Abbey" to avoid payment of a new local tax.

Monks and monasteries are to be exempted from the community charge that will replace property tax.

Charles Chapman decided to don his robe, a white cricket umpire's coat, after figuring his tax bill would almost double. His local council in southwest England said it was considering his exemption request.

Tomb unearthed

NICOSIA, May 27, (AP): Archaeologists have unearthed the gold-stuffed tomb of two women in what appears to be the richest single discovery ever made at ancient Nimrud in northern Iraq.

The 2,700-year-old tomb in the palace of King Ashurnasirpal II contained more than 25 kilograms (55 pounds) of gold jewellery including diadems, necklaces, earrings, belts and anklets, the English-language Baghdad Observer reported yesterday.

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Teen-age addicts on the increase

AT a secondary school for boys, two groups of pupils were apprehended this year while taking narcotics and liquor on the school premises, according to a school official and a further study claimed that as many as 4 per cent of 14-year old school boys were addicted to inhaling petrol fumes.

According to the official who investigated the cases of the two groups of pupils, the first group met after school hours in the school premises for the

purpose of taking narcotics in secret. The pupils of the second group were imbibing liquor and sniffing Patex glue at remote places of the school or in empty classrooms.

A review of these students' files indicated that most were failures in their classes and were older than their classmates, according to the official who added: "One of the pupils stole the narcotic pills from the cupboard of his brother who was also an

addict."

The official commented that he did not notify senior officials at the ministry because he had received firm assurances from the students there would be no more repetition of these incidents in future and they would abide by school regulations. The pupils have made good their promise, but their educational standards still remain low, the official said.

He added: "My main responsibility is the conduct of the students within the school premises and during scholastic hours. Control of students out of school premises is the responsibility of parents, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Ministry of Interior," he added.

He went on to state that his investigations led him to believe that the two groups of students had too

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Lebanese are angry

Observer force won't be formed

BEIRUT, May 27, (Agencies): Many Lebanese looking to the Arab world to stop their tiny country falling apart said today they felt the Casablanca summit had betrayed them.

And Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said the observer force to monitor truce in Lebanon will not be formed.

"It's time for us to learn not to expect or hope for anything from the Arabs or others. They all conspired against us. As usual we were the offering sacrificed at the negotiating table," said Claude Nasr, a merchant.

The summit, ending four days of heated debate yesterday agreed only to form a new committee to try to end Lebanon's 14-year civil war and negotiate a political solution.

"One committee replaces the other," the independent newspaper L'Orient Le-Jour said in its lead story.

"Having failed to reach an agreement on the main stumbling blocks, the participants opted for a half-hearted solution by adopting a resolution."

"It is Lebanon which has traditionally paid the price for inter-Arab rivalries. It is also at Lebanon's expense that deals were struck to reach a minimum show of Arab solidarity."

"Analysts saw the summit as a victory for Syria because it failed to force Damascus to withdraw its 40,000 troops from Lebanon — a key demand of Army Commander Major-General Michel Aoun, who launched a 'war of liberation' against Syria in mid-March. Savage shelling has since killed at least 360 people.

In what some Lebanese commentators saw as a trade-off, the Arab leaders won Syria's acceptance of a diplomatic offensive to back the PLO's peace strategy.

Pro-Syrian and leftist dailies were full of praise today for the Arab resolution on Lebanon. But independent and right-wing newspapers were bitter.

The new committee consists of Morocco's King Hassan, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Chadli Benjedid of Algeria. They will try to reconcile Muslim- and Christian-led factions so Parliament can elect a new president and agree on political reforms to be implemented by a national unity government.

Earlier plans to send in Arab observers or a peacekeeping force were dropped. The summit resolution called on all factions to abide by a two-week ceasefire

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Mubarak waves to thousands of Egyptians. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mubarak cheered

Differences remain

CAIRO, May 27, (Reuter): President Hosni Mubarak said today Egypt still had differences with Arab rivals Syria and Libya despite reconciliation talks at this week's Arab summit.

He was speaking to reporters on his return from Casablanca, Morocco, where the emergency summit formally welcomed Egypt back into the Arab League after 10 years of ostracism.

He received a lavish airport welcome of prancing horses and whirling dancers. Thousands of flag-waving Egyptians cheered as he was driven through the streets of Cairo in an open car.

Mubarak said he told Syrian President Hafez Al Assad at the summit that all foreign forces, including the estimated 40,000 Syrian troops, had to withdraw from Lebanon.

"Our position has not and will not change. ... There will be no security in Lebanon except after all foreign troops withdraw from Lebanon — Israeli, Syrian, Iranian and others," he said.

Mubarak said his two meetings with Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, along with Syria a fierce opponent of Egypt's 1979 peace treaty, turned out better than he expected.

Mubarak said today he had appealed to economic alliances in the Middle East to co-operate with the Arab League.

Negligence of doctors

Students may end occupation of Tiananmen Square

Chinese leaders warn of intrigue

BEIJING, May 27, (UPI): Chinese leaders, setting the stage for a purge of top moderates, called meetings of government officials to criticise Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang for the first time by name and warned of a conspiracy at the top levels of the party.

College students whose 15-day-old protest in Beijing's main square ignited nation-wide pro-democracy demonstrations and a leadership power struggle called a mass rally for tomorrow but said their occupation of Tiananmen Square may end on Tuesday.

"We hope for at least a million people in Beijing," said Lu Xiang, a spokesman for the city's independent student union, and student leader Chai Ling said the theme of the march was "Chinese all over the world unite."

Party hardliners backing Premier Li Peng and senior leader Deng Xiaoping appeared to have solidified control over moderates supporting Zhao, who sources said would be purged with several liberal associates as part of an "anti-party clique" for conciliating with the protesters and opposing martial law.

Senior officials in government ministries were summoned to meetings today at which leadership figures, in some cases ministers themselves, read out a circular from the Communist Party central committee.

According to participants at one of the meetings, the circular dismissed the student movement as in "organisational, principle and leadership turmoil" and criticised Zhao, referring to him only as "comrade Ziyang," omitting his title as party chief.

In the strongest public signal, former president Li Xianmin, 80, blamed "individuals in the leading organ of the Communist Party" for six weeks of pro-democracy unrest and the largest anti-government demonstrations in 40 years.

"A very small minority of people plotted behind the scenes, fabricated rumours, instigated agitation and deliberately aggravated the situation so as to realise their political purposes of negating the leadership of the Communist Party and the socialist system through turmoil," he told the Chinese people's political consultative conference, which he chairs.

Ren Wanding, 45, a leading dissident, charged the government has a blacklist of more than 40 prominent intellectuals who will face arrest or other sanctions following a crackdown on the democracy movement.

He said the list is believed to include China's leading dissident, astrophysicist Fang Lizhi, and two dissidents currently in the United States.



Anti-Rushdie rally

A young Muslim demonstrator is carried away by police after violence broke out as thousands of Muslims gathered in Parliament Square yesterday to protest against the Satanic Verses author Salman Rushdie. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pakistani N-programme

Benazir has no control

BRUSSELS, May 27, (Reuter): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is not in control of Pakistan's controversial nuclear programme because its secrets are being kept from her by a military and secret service elite, a British researcher said today.

Fears have been expressed in the West and in neighbouring India that the nuclear programme is geared to making a bomb. Pakistan has denied this, saying it wants nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, mainly to meet future energy needs.

"Benazir Bhutto does not know anything about the nuclear programme... (it) is in the hands of military and secret service circles," said Peter Lomas, an expert on nuclear proliferation at the Centre of European Policy Studies.

"Pakistan has an emergent capacity to develop nuclear weapons," he told a seminar, adding that "perhaps only 100 people in Pakistan are in the know" about the details.

The programme was started in 1972 by Benazir's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, overthrown and executed in the late 1970s.

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US has secretly provided France with nuclear arms designs

WASHINGTON, May 27, (AP): The United States secretly has supplied France with information about the design of nuclear weapons since 1972, the Defence Department has acknowledged.

The United States had previously acknowledged sharing nuclear weapons information only with Britain, and "US-French nuclear collaboration has ... been one of the most closely guarded secrets of both governments," Princeton University professor Richard Ullman wrote in the

quarterly Foreign Policy, to appear today. The exchange of data means that France is more closely integrated than previously realised into the nuclear war plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and the disclosure might complicate efforts to negotiate a deal to sharply reduce US and Soviet strategic arsenals.

"It may be that public acknowledgment of the programme of aid to France, and particularly of co-ordination between US and French nuclear forces, would

increase Soviet pressure for the inclusion of French and British forces in any future strategic arms control regime," Ullman wrote.

The US policy of sharing nuclear weapons data with the French was initiated in 1972 by the then President Richard Nixon and his national security adviser, Henry Kissinger, as a means to draw the French more closely into NATO. Ullman wrote. France left NATO's integrated military structure in 1966, alth-

ough it remains within the alliance.

Ullman concluded "in the course of more than 100 interviews over the past two years with top-level politicians, civil servants" and others involved in the programme that since 1972, US experts have briefed their French counterparts on aspects of nuclear weaponry including:

- Penetration of Soviet defences.
- Miniaturisation of warhead components to allow development of multiple independently targeted re-entry vehicles.

Colombo delegates powers to provinces

COLOMBO, May 27, (Agencies): Sri Lanka's Parliament voted to give more powers to provincial councils, a key element in plans to end the island's bloody ethnic conflict.

The laws were passed last night with 134 members voting for and 66 against after a stormy debate.

At one stage the Deputy Speaker, Gamini Fonseka, walked out. Provincial councils were set up last year to enable minority Tamils living in the northern and eastern provinces to look after their own affairs.

Opposition Freedom Party leader Sirima Bandaranaike, campaigning against the laws, said setting up councils would not help resolve the conflict.

A revolt by Tamils, demanding a separate state in the north and east, has led to the killing of more than 10,000 people in the past six years and the debate took place as Tamil rebels were holding peace talks with the government.

A Sri Lankan Muslim leader today demanded an impartial government inquiry into a police attack on a demonstration by Muslims yesterday.

Police tear-gassed the demonstrators protesting against the recent violence in eastern Sri Lanka in which at least 15 Muslims died.

Many demonstrators, including children, were hurt by the police attack, said Hakeem Ishak, an opposition parliamentarian from Colombo.

The protesters held their demonstration after Friday prayers at Maradana, close to the Colombo city centre. They chanted anti-Indian slogans and demanded the withdrawal of some 50,000 Indian peace-keeping force in the island.

Ishak said the police action where the unarmed demonstrators were attacked with batons, rifle butts and tear-gas was unbecoming.

Indian troops are stationed in Sri Lanka under a peace pact signed in 1987 to end the Tamil separatist rebellion in the two provinces.

Premadasa risks career on plan to help poor

COLOMBO, May 27, (Reuters): President Ranasinghe Premadasa is staking his political career on a new scheme by which the government hopes to reduce poverty in Sri Lanka.

Premadasa's 40-billion-rupee (\$1.2 billion) Janasaviya, or "people's effort," project begins this month, fulfilling promises in his presidential campaign and recent parliamentary elections.

But many people are critical of the plan which will help 700,000 families.

Premadasa pledged to eradicate poverty through a scheme to help the poor, now surviving on food stamps — coupons issued by the government for use

in buying basic foods. "He will move heaven and earth to succeed," said a Western diplomat. "But at what cost?"

Janasaviya, the most ambitious and most controversial scheme undertaken by the United National Party who have ruled Sri Lanka since 1977, replaced defence this year as the Indian Ocean island's biggest budget item.

Agriculture and Food Minister Lalith Athulathmudali, presenting the bill in Parliament last month, said the poverty alleviation plan aimed to reach the poorest of the poor.

Athulathmudali said it was not the dole, nor a

charity allowance but an investment in people and was linked to development.

Under the scheme, families benefiting will get 2,500 rupees (\$74) a month for two years, made up of 1,458 rupees (\$43) for consumption and 1,042 rupees (\$31) for savings.

Only the consumption money will be given monthly. The savings component will go to the state-owned National Savings Bank and after 24 months the recipient may withdraw that money.

Janasaviya recipients will be entitled to use the monthly cash to purchase goods from a basket of commodities available at state-run co-operatives

across Sri Lanka. The basket includes local grains, rice, flour, sugar, infant milk food, kerosene, school books, agricultural chemicals and carpentry tools.

Athulathmudali said a government committee would identify lines of business for beneficiaries. The committee would recommend to the beneficiaries how they should set up in business.

Critics say Premadasa doesn't have the money to implement the scheme.

The government budget for 1989 has allocated 10 billion rupees (\$295 million) for the plan but it is not clear how these funds would be raised.



ROME, May 27, (Reuters): US First Lady Barbara Bush brought her natural high spirits today to the simplicity of a hostel for the homeless and to one of the glories of the ancient Roman empire.

While her husband George got down to serious business with Italian leaders on his first trip to Europe as US President, Barbara served lunch in a party atmosphere at a Vatican City hostel run by Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity and waved to cheering tourists near the Roman Colosseum.

Excited applause from nuns and 40 homeless women at the year-old 70-bed hostel greeted Barbara, who has often helped out in soup kitchens and other institutions for the poor and the hungry in

Washington. She dished up a simple meal of pasta, bread and strawberries to the residents. Before they sat down to eat, Vatican Assistant Secretary of State Archbishop Edward Cassidy blessed Mr and Mrs Bush and "their important mission for the good of the US and the world."

Arriving for a guided tour of the recently-restored fourth-century triumphal arch of Constantine beside the Colosseum, Barbara laughed and relaxed with the elegant Anna Maria de Mita (right) wife of Italy's caretaker prime minister.

Barbara said yesterday two books are already being written about her and it's "so silly."

Bush keeps mum on troop withdrawal

NATO allies nervous

ROME, May 27, (Agencies): President George Bush met today with Italian leaders and brushed aside questions about a reported plan to withdraw as many as 30,000 American troops from Europe.

Accompanied by Secretary of State James Baker and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, Bush met with Premier Ciriaco de Mita at a 16th-century hillside villa.

Posing for pictures before a huge fireplace, a sleepy-eyed Bush, who arrived late yesterday from Washington, remained silent when asked about reports that he planned to propose a major cutback in American troop strength in Europe.

Later, he twice ignored questions about possible troop withdrawals. The meeting with De Mita was arranged before the collapse on May 19 of De Mita's coalition government. He remains in power as a caretaker until a new government is formed.

Bush also was to have an audience at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II later in the day.

The Washington Post quoted sources in today's editions as saying the administration is considering an offer to negotiate cuts in troop strength, aircraft and helicopters in Europe if the Soviet Union agrees to cuts in tanks, armoured personnel carriers and artillery pieces.

Estimates of US troops in Europe range from about 305,000 to about 325,000. The numbers fluctuate with almost-daily turnover in personnel.

Bush has been under intense pressure at home and abroad to reply to a series of disarmament proposals from Moscow with some ideas of his own. White House officials readily acknowledge that Bush has seemed too negative while Soviet President Gorbachev has been portrayed as a peacemaker.

The NATO meeting has been clouded by West German demands for Washington and Moscow to begin negotiations soon to reduce — possibly eliminate — short-range nuclear missiles in Central Europe.

The US and Britain oppose such talks now because of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact's superiority in tanks, troops and other conventional weapons. Washington and London also fear the negotiations would ignite public pressure to eliminate the missiles entirely.

Scowcroft said there were no developments yesterday to bridge the gap between Washington and Bonn.

Nervousness emerged today among NATO allies about a report on US troops.

There was speculation that Bush might be planning a dramatic public gesture to outshine Gorbachev who has consistently grabbed the world spotlight by bold unilateral arms offers.

Officials said, however, there was a risk that such a move might be seen as a punitive measure against West Germany, home to most of the US forces in Europe, because of its quarrel with Washington over SNF.

They said any weakening of the US link to the defence of Western Europe, of which its troops are the most potent symbol, could deal a psychological blow to an alliance already buffeted by the storm over SNF.

Officials said any announcement of unilateral cuts would represent a swerve in US and NATO policy which has been that force cuts should be negotiated in Vienna at the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks.

Apparently uneasy that even the US may yield to a compromise over short-range nuclear missiles at the summit, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher heads to the gathering in hawkish mood.

"If you reduce those (missiles), you're going for the jugular of NATO," Thatcher declared in a radio interview.

Thatcher's aides were cool about Bush's main concession to West Germany before the summit, but apparently will go along with it reluctantly.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Karpov said that Warsaw Pact will come up with new proposals for reduction of weapons and forces in Europe.



Bush with De Mita (right).

French church breaks silence

PARIS, May 27, (Reuters): An investigating magistrate yesterday ordered the continued detention of Paul Touvier, France's most wanted war criminal, as the Roman Catholic church broke an embarrassing silence over charges that he sheltered him for many of his 45 years on the run.

Streicher-bearers stood by as ailing Nazi collaborator Touvier, 74, was led into the magistrate's chamber. He has been charged with crimes against humanity following his arrest on Wednesday in an abbey in southern France.

The French Catholic church said revelations that clergy had given sanctuary to Touvier were "revolting."

"I assure you this has surprised me, in a way it is revolting knowing as one does Paul Touvier's part in the death of a certain number of people," church spokesman Jean-Michel Di Falco told French Television.

Newspapers have accused the traditionalist French Catholic Church of sheltering Touvier, who was arrested in the abbey of excommunicated Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

Seoul police thwart anti-government rally

SEOUL, May 27, (Agencies): South Korean police arrested more than 400 people in Seoul today, thwarting a rally by radical students and dissidents, witnesses and news reports said.

About 7,000 riot police blocked protesters gathering for the rally to demand the truth about the death of a student activist and to call on President Roh Tae-Woo to step down.

More than 500 students entered a third day of mass hunger strikes in the grounds of the capital's Roman Catholic cathedral, accusing police of torturing to death student Lee Chul-Kyu.

The 24-year-old campus newspaper editor, whose body was found on May 10 in a reservoir in the southwestern city of Kwangju, had been sought by security officials for writing an article favouring communist North Korea.

Police have denied they apprehended and mistreated him. The authorities point to an autopsy finding that Lee drowned and say he apparently slipped and fell into the reservoir.

South Korea's opposition-controlled parliament is probing the death.

State prosecutors have accused radicals of circulating an horrific colour photograph of Lee's bloated, decomposed corpse to dupe ordinary citizens without medical expertise into believing he was mistreated.

Small peaceful protests were held in the provincial cities of Taegu and Chonju and about 10,000 people marched in the southern city of Kwangju, according to Korean news reports.

It was the second Saturday in a row that the government blocked protests in Seoul with a massive mobilisation of police. Few people responded to the dissidents' call to take part in the protests despite widespread appeals.

Attempt to ship arms to Iran, 3 arrested

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, May 27, (Reuters): Two Canadians and a Swede were arrested here late on Thursday on charges of attempting to buy and ship more than \$600 million worth of weapons and munitions to Iran.

The three were to be arraigned yesterday before a federal magistrate for violations of the US Arms Export Control Act, money laundering statutes and conspiracy laws. US Customs Service spokesman Charles Conroy said.

The arrests were the result of an 18-month undercover investigation, Conroy said.

The three suspects, Ronald Arab and his wife Eileen of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Erik Niffen of Norrköping, Sweden, had lived in Corpus Christi for several months while they attempted to buy weapons, Conroy said.

"They had quite a shopping list," he said. Included on their list were C-130 aircraft parts, a complete attack helicopter, 106mm recoilless rifles and ammunition, an F-5B trainer jet, an F-5E fighter jet and parts for F-4 and F-14 Phantom jets, Conroy said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jetliner hijacked

MIAMI, May 27, (AP): An American Airlines jetliner en route from Dallas to Miami with 157 people aboard was hijacked today but landed safely in Miami, authorities said. The hijacker and passengers remained aboard the Boeing 727.

Flight 1098 was diverted toward Havana but turned back before reaching Cuba and landed at about 11:30 am (1530 GMT), said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman John Whiteside in Atlanta.

Thatcher's speech

LONDON, May 27, (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said yesterday that the West was witnessing "the failure of the communist ideology and the melt-down of authoritarian regimes."

In a broad-ranging speech after receiving the honorary freedom of the city of London, Thatcher said there were "great upheavals" in the Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland and China.

India cyclone

CALCUTTA, May 27, (Reuters): A cyclone killed at least 15 people in eastern India, officials said today. Most died when their homes collapsed as the cyclone swept in from the Bay of Bengal last night with the winds of up to 140 km an hour (85 mph).

Officials in Calcutta's Cyclone Control Centres said the storm caused widespread damage in the coastal West Bengal district of Midnapore and they feared the death toll could rise.

Bangladesh storm

DHAKA, May 27, (Reuters): At least 10 people were killed and 300 injured when a storm lashed part of northern Bangladesh today, officials said. They said winds blowing at 90 km (55 miles) per hour flattened hundreds of houses and disrupted communications in several villages in Tangail district and neighbouring areas.

Heavy rains and hailstones accompanying the storm delayed rescue efforts, Tangail officials told reporters.

Soviet offer

LONDON, May 27, (AP): Best-selling author Jeffrey Archer said today the Soviets had offered "real money" for a Western book for the first time — paying him \$10,000 for his 1982 saga "Kane and Abel."

Archer said a similar Soviet deal had been arranged for John Le Carré's forthcoming spy novel, "The Russia House."

"Up to now the Russians either stole your books or offered you royalties which you had to go to Russia to be able to spend," Archer said.

Leftists clash

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 27, (AP): Riot police used water cannon to battle rock-throwing leftists yesterday at an illegal squatters' camp near Hamburg's waterfront.

Some of the rundown trailers that made up the squatters' camp caught fire during the melee, sending up a thick cloud of black smoke.

It was not immediately clear whether the trailers' occupants themselves had ignited the blazes.

Thailand storm

BANGKOK, May 27, (AP): Tropical storm Cecil dumped heavy rains in eight provinces of Thailand today, destroying tens of thousands of hectares (acres) of rice in food-short Vietnam.

The storm showered Thailand's central and northeastern provinces, crossed into Laos around noon, then wandered back to the Thai border, said a Meteorological Department official.

Guests killed

NEW DELHI, May 27, (AP): Thirteen people were killed when a farm tractor pulling a wagon loaded with wedding guests fell into a canal in Andhra Pradesh state yesterday, United News of India said.

About 30 people were riding on the tractor and in the wagon, the news agency said. The dead included eight women and three children, it added.

The accident occurred near West Godavari, 1,330 kms (825 miles) southeast of New Delhi.

Asylum seekers

LONDON, May 27, (Reuters): Britain said yesterday that hundreds of Kurds arriving in the country were seeking asylum by falsely claiming to be political refugees from Iraq.

Junior Home Office Minister Tim Renton said 1,000 Kurds had come to Britain from Turkey in the past month and they were still arriving at the rate of 50 a day.

Working holiday

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, May 27, (UPI): Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain arrived yesterday in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky to begin a "working holiday" touring horse farms for potential bloodstock for her royal breeding operations.

A Royal Air Force VC-10 — sprouting two small flags from near the cockpit area displaying the queen's personal standard and the US Stars and Stripes — touched down at Lexington's Bluegrass airport and taxied to a waiting entourage.

Mondale's pledge

MINNEAPOLIS, May 27, (AP): Former Vice-President Walter F. Mondale said yesterday he will not challenge Republican US Sen. Rudy Boschwitz in 1990 or seek any other elective office in the future.

"I believe it's time for other candidates to step forward," said Mondale, a former senator who was the Democratic Party's presidential nominee in 1984. "It was a very difficult choice for us."

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Empathy Belly lets dads-to-be take a walk on the wide side

SEATTLE, May 27, (UPI): A new device aims at helping men better empathise with their expectant spouses by making them "pregnant" with 35 pounds (15 kg) of bulging belly, backache, shortness of breath and other symptoms that can make a guy feel like he's a few breaths shy of the delivery room.

The Empathy Belly was developed by pre-natal counsellor Linda Ware. It uses water-filled bladders, lead balls and velcro to mimic about 20 symptoms of pregnancy for men who care enough to strap on the apparatus and

take a walk on the, well, big side.

"It'll give you just about everything short of morning sickness and varicose veins," says Ware, who formed Birthways Inc. of Redmond, Wash., to market the vest-like garment. Over the last five years, Ware went through about 10 prototypes and sought advice from medical and counselling professionals to perfect the device.

Ware believes the greatest potential market is in schools, counselling centres and agencies involved in trying to stem the tide of teen pregnancies.

She believes the device helps "shatter the romantic illusions of pregnancy sometimes shared by teen-age girls" and "teaches boys more about the consequences of sexual activity."

It was an eye-opener for the reporter — unmarried and childless — who allowed himself to be swathed in velcroed canvas and adorned with a series of weights and chest constrictors.

A plastic bladder in the "belly" of the vest can be filled with water to varying levels to simulate the different stages of pregnancy. At the top and the sides of

the vest are pockets for lead balls that press in on the upper rib cage the way the elbows and knees of a developing foetus can be felt in some advanced pregnancies.

Inside the stomach bladder is a light pendulum that swings when jostled by outside motion. It is designed to duplicate the sensation of a baby's kicks as the foetus moves around the womb.

The real kicker in the Empathy Belly's panoply of discomforts is a separate bag that fits under the bottom of the

vest to ride heavily over the bladder and give wearers concern about where the nearest bathroom is located.

The realism takes on a new dimension after the chest is wrapped snugly with a wide band of cotton and elastic. The resulting constriction — intended to resemble the shortness of breath that occurs as the developing foetus impinges on the rib cage — turns normal activity into aerobics.

Sitting down leaves the bladder compressed between a 5-pound weight and

the chair seat, so much so that most people want to stagger up and waddle to the bathroom.

A man soon learns what it's like to have his stomach enter a room 15 seconds before he does. Sitting down and standing up again is akin to power lifting.

Ware, who also teaches birthing methods, says she first got the idea for the Empathy Belly after listening to couples in her pre-natal counselling sessions.

Cocaine case

Jurors refuse to indict mother

ROCKFORD, Illinois, May 27, (Agencies): A grand jury refused to indict a young mother for manslaughter in her infant's death, which was linked to alleged cocaine use during pregnancy, authorities said yesterday.

Prosecutors had charged Melanie Green, 24, with involuntary manslaughter and delivery of a controlled substance to a minor, a charge usually used against street-corner drug dealers.

A Winnebago County grand jury — a panel of citizens convened to decide whether charges merit prosecution — met Thursday and did not indict her on any charge, State's Attorney Paul Loggi said.

Green's 2-day-old baby, Bianca, died Feb. 4. Cocaine was found in Bianca's system and in her mother's, said Dr. P. John Seward, the county coroner. The drug was carried through the placenta to the fetus, reducing Bianca's ability to accept oxygen from the mother and resulting in brain damage.

Loggi had characterised that process as delivery of a controlled substance.

In a similar case, another mother in this northern Illinois city of 140,000 was convicted May 1 of perinatal child abuse for using cocaine throughout her pregnancy, including the hours right before she gave birth. That child survived.

Rockford, 90 miles (145 km) northwest of Chicago, once claimed the nation's highest unemployment rate but in recent years has managed an economic recovery. It is the state's second largest city — a traditional community whose residents believe strongly in family values.

"I think there's a lot of shock and outrage by members of the community and the medical community at the fact that babies are being born having been exposed to cocaine — in some cases addicted to cocaine," Loggi said.

Commitment

"We have made a commitment in an effort to protect newborns — the people least able to protect themselves. We are going to deal with those mothers who place babies at risk."

Bianca was a tiny baby, weighing just 4 pounds, 3 ounces (2.6 kg) and just 17 inches (43 cm) long. She was born at Rockford Memorial Hospital, but the fact that her mother had taken cocaine reduced the baby's ability to accept oxygen. As a result, doctors said, there was brain damage.

During the birth, the placenta ruptured — a common complication of cocaine usage — causing further damage and leaving the infant without enough oxygen during delivery.

After a two-day struggle, Bianca died.

"I loved her, I did," said Green, who also has a 6-year-old son, Damien. "It was the worst time of my life."

Gwen Osborne, a spokeswoman for the American Civil Liberties Union, which represents Green, said the ACLU believed that because she had not been told cocaine use could be harmful to her baby, the charges against Green violated her constitutional right to equal protection under the law. The ACLU also said Green's rights to privacy had been violated and that the state was trying to give the fetus rights.

"What we're talking about is the death of a fetus," Osborne said. "The Supreme Court has ruled a fetus is not a person with legal rights. What occurred prior to, not after."

Osborne also said, "prosecuting a woman for acts for her own body is an unprecedented intrusion to her privacy."

Tradition

Northern Illinois University Law Professor Jeffrey Parnes agreed, noting there is no constitutional right to take illegal drugs and some states are moving to discourage drug use among pregnant women.

The Department of Children and Family Services has asked the Illinois legislature to consider a bill following juvenile court judges to remove from the mother's custody children born with drugs in their systems.

In Illinois alone, the number of drug-affected infants has grown phenomenally in the last five years. The DCFS reports there were no reported cases in 1984, but in the five year ending June 30, 1988, there were 1,234 cases of cocaine-affected infants. It is estimated that for the year ending June 30, 1989, the number could be as high as 2,000.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Attack hours after protest

Another rape in NY park

NEW YORK, May 26, (Agencies): A woman tourist in New York was raped in Central Park yesterday minutes after arriving in the city and just hours after 1,000 people had gathered in the park to protest the rape last month of a woman jogger there.

It was the latest in a series of ugly assaults and murders in the city and its suburbs in recent weeks. The crimes include a mother throwing her two-year-old daughter out the window to her death in the Bronx, the murder of a neighbour of actor Paul Newman in Westport, Connecticut, and the sexual assault of a mentally retarded girl by five teen-agers in the rich suburb of Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

In the latest crime to hit headlines, police said a 27-year-old Alabama woman, who had just arrived on a bus from North Carolina, was forced at gunpoint into the park shortly before dawn after walking up from the terminal to meet a friend.

Police arrested George Connors, 32, within 30 minutes of the attack and said he forced the woman to a wooded area near Wollman ice skating rink in the park and raped her at gunpoint, said assistant police chief Mario Selvaggi. No weapon was recovered. Connors identified himself as a hot dog vendor.

The victim, who was not identified because of the nature of the crime, was treated and released from Roosevelt Hospital following the assault, which occurred hours after hundreds of people rallied against violence in the park Thursday evening.

LONDON: Britain's top law officer said on Friday he had quit a fundamentalist Protestant church which demanded he repent for attending a Roman Catholic funeral mass it regards as an abomination against God.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government, resigned from the Free Presbyterian Church in Scotland a day after its supreme court refused to lift his six-month suspension as an elder.

Critics had questioned whether the head of the country's judiciary should seek spiritual counsel in a church described by the Times newspaper as "the closest British religion has to offer to the (Iranian) Ayatollahs."

Leaders of the 6,000-member congregation known as the "Wee Free" said Lord Mackay could return to the fold only after repenting and vowing never to attend a Catholic service again. (Reuters)

The Thursday night rally, organised by community, business and religious leaders, was called in response to the April 19 rape and brutal beating of an investment banker jogging in the park.

That attack, allegedly carried out by a band of marauding youths, focused attention on park security and left the victim in a coma.

Meanwhile, in New Jersey, five teen-agers charged with sexually assaulting a mentally retarded girl with a toy baseball bat and a broom handle have been suspended from school for 10 days.

"They were not suspended because of the alleged acts, but because of the disruption their presence in the school would have on the educational programme," said Glen Ridge superintendent of Schools Rose McCaffrey.

The five Glen Ridge High School students were arrested Wednesday and charged with sexually assaulting the girl at the home of two of the boys, co-captains of the football team, in a Newark, New Jersey, suburb.

Eight other male teen-agers, including the son of a police lieutenant, cheered the attack on the 17-year-old girl without intervening, investigators said. The eight are considered witnesses and have not been charged.

At the school's annual "Spring Day" Thursday, picnics and games are marred by fights, vandalism and the discovery of graffiti on walls inside the school building, students said. Some passers-by in cars shouted "rapists" as they drove past the school.

NEW YORK: A Manhattan jury convicted a Harlem minister Friday on rape and other charges in connection with sexual attacks on three female members of his church.

The Rev. Thomas Streifert, 60, betrayed no emotion as the jury announced verdicts of guilty of first-degree rape and first- and third-degree sex abuse. The jury acquitted him of sodomy charges and a second-degree rape charge.

Streifert faces up to 25 years in prison on the rape charge when acting state supreme court justice Franklin Weissberg sentences him on June 28. The judge left Streifert free on \$25,000 bail pending a bail hearing Thursday. (AP)

HELSINKI, Finland: A 450-pound (245 kg) moose wandered into a Helsinki suburb and destroyed a ground-floor apartment after crashing through the bedroom window, according to newspaper reports Friday.

The moose was shot to death by police, the newspapers said.

Police said the moose had been bleeding to death from its cuts from jumping through the window of a three-bedroom apartment in the suburb of Pukimäki, about five miles (8 km) from the city centre.

The local radio station earlier broadcast a police warning to motorists that a moose was on the loose. The owners of the apartment were out and no one was hurt. Police said the meat would be sold after it was checked by a veterinarian. (AP)

TOKYO: The president of Japan's second-largest newspaper said Friday he is resigning to take responsibility for an incident in which a staff photographer damaged a rare coral reef to illustrate a story of environmental destruction.

Asahi Shimbun President Teichiro Hitei said he will be succeeded by Yoshihide Nawa, currently a managing director, on June 24. Hitei said he has served as Asahi president since December 1984.

The newspaper said it has received "bitter and growing" complaints from readers about the incident last month, when its cameraman reportedly carried the initials "KY" in the surface of a rare underwater coral for a photograph of damage to the reef allegedly caused by private divers. (AP)

AMSTERDAM: Rotterdam police plan to improve their files by setting up a bank of criminals' smells, a spokesman said on Thursday.

Serious crime suspects will not only be photographed and fingerprinted, but will also have to give a small sample by holding a piece of sterilised cloth for five minutes. (Reuters)

CANCUN, Mexico: The new Miss Universe, 22-year-old Angela Visser of the Netherlands, began her reign on Wednesday, bidding a public farewell to her boyfriend and saying she was not the most beautiful woman in the world.

"I don't consider myself as the most beautiful woman in the world at all, that's a very relative thing," the blonde, green-eyed model from Rotterdam told a news conference.

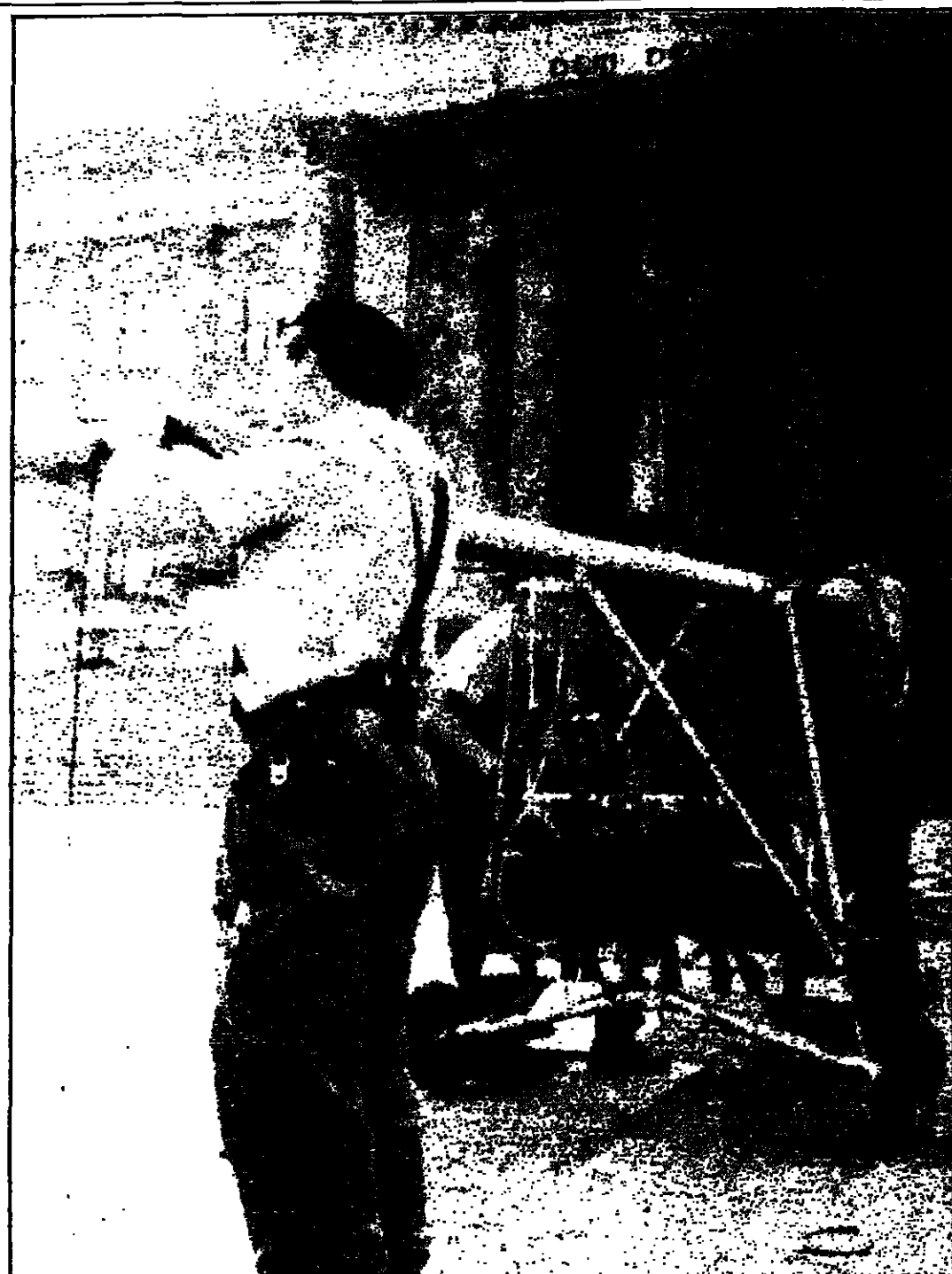
Visser, who had been joined at the Miss Universe pageant in this beach resort by her family and boyfriend, announced that she would end her relationship with Rotterdam perfume salesman Lex Traa, 21, after winning the crown. (Reuters)

TOKYO: The elder sister of Emperor Akihito, Kazuko Takatsukasa, died of heart failure at a Tokyo hospital early Friday. Imperial Palace officials said she was 59.

Takatsukasa was the elder sister of Japanese Emperor Akihito and the third daughter of the late Emperor Hirohito, Japan's longest reigning monarch who died Jan 7. (AP)

NEW YORK: An Arizona television reporter who posed nude for Playboy said Wednesday she believes she lost her job because viewers, mindful of the steamy pictorial, might not pay attention to the news if she stayed on the air.

Voluptuous Shelly Jamison, until Friday a reporter at CBS affiliate KTSF-TV Channel 10 in Phoenix and now depicted in the "Broadcast nudes" on the cover of the magazine's July issue, resigned Friday after her boss learned of the Playboy spread from her lawyer and said she could no longer appear on air. (UPI)



West Berlin police prepare to remove one of the two planes that landed in front of the old German parliament building. (Reuters wirephoto)

Pilots claim daring escape

Planes land in W. Berlin

BERLIN, May 27, (AP): Two ultralight planes landed in front of the Reichstag Building in West Berlin early yesterday, and two men reportedly claimed they flew a friend to freedom in a daring escape from East Germany.

Police said they were mystified by the landings and had no independent confirmation of the reported escape.

The planes were abandoned after landing in front of the Reichstag Building, next to the Berlin Wall, at about 5 am (0300 GMT), police said. The pilots were not seen, and police later towed the aircraft away.

Police first said they doubted the planes were used for an escape but later said they were not ruling out

such a possibility.

An anonymous caller telephoned several radio stations to claim he flew his relatives out of East Germany to West Berlin.

Rainer Hildebrandt, head of a private organisation that monitors escapes from East Germany, said two men came to his office and claimed they were the pilots. He said the two men told him they flew into East Germany, picked up a friend and flew back to West Berlin.

Hildebrandt said he could not confirm the claim. It was not immediately clear why the men would have needed two planes to pick up their friend.

Men change their ways

NEW YORK, May 27, (UPI): Kevin Costner is the US man's "principal competition" in the 1980s, replacing past male heroes such as Montgomery Clift and Gary Cooper, Vogue magazine said yesterday.

In a review of 30-year cycles of the US male identity, Vogue reported that Princess Diana has replaced Doris Day as the perfect wife, while silent screen star Mary Pickford reigned supreme in 1929.

Men in the United States are also changing the way they try to woo women, Vogue said. In 1929, men said, "Don't be a party popper," while in 1959, the line was "everybody's doing it."

The favoured aphrodisiac in 1959 was oysters, while today's love potion is megavitamins, the magazine reported.

The male excuse for infidelity is also getting more esoteric. In 1939, men said "I was tight," while in 1959 women demanding an explanation were met with dead silence.

In 1989, the male excuse was "I need more space," Vogue said.

Cell research hailed

Discovery reported

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27, (UPI): A protein called cyclin has been found to play the key role in controlling the most basic cycle in the body, that of the individual cell, two researchers reported.

"The discovery is a major breakthrough in studies of the cell cycle," said Prof Marc Kirschner, a cell biologist at the University of California in San Francisco in whose laboratory the discovery was made.

Kirschner and Andrew M. Murray, a postdoctoral fellow in Kirschner's laboratory, reported the discovery in two articles in the British Science journal Nature, published this week.

The cell cycle is "powerfully important" in all aspects of life, from the development of an embryo to the uncontrolled growth of cancer cells and the generation of new tissue in a healing wound, Kirschner said in a statement issued by the school.

Because all growing cells go through this cycle, the new finding may give insight into disorders of growth and development or diseases of excess growth.

Truitt and Carole at the press conference. (Reuters wirephoto)

Truitt and Carole at the press conference. (Reuters wirephoto)

Annual ritual

A member of the 3rd Infantry, known as the 'Old Guard', places flags at the graves at Arlington Cemetery on Friday. The annual ritual has been performed for the past 41 years and requires that nearly 200,000 flags be in place by the cemetery. (Reuters wirephoto)

LOS ANGELES: Former First Lady Nancy Reagan withdrew her support Friday for a plan to open a drug treatment centre bearing her name after the proposal encountered stiff opposition from residents.

Phoenix House, a drug-treatment programme with facilities throughout the nation, had planned to renovate the vacant Lake View Medical Centre and open the Nancy Reagan drug treatment centre at the site.

But Nancy's office released a statement Friday saying that she no longer supported placing the establishment in the middle of the residential community in the northeastern San Fernando Valley.

"For nearly a decade, Nancy has led the crusade against drug and alcohol abuse around the world," said her spokesman, Mark Webster.

"Whether at a rap session with young people or in meetings with business community leaders, Nancy has made the message loud and clear: Drugs are destroying our young people and everyone must join the fight to get rid of them."

DETROIT: A nun who refused to help close the parish where she worked and turned over \$6,000 in church funds to parishioners has been fired by the Catholic archdiocese of Detroit and may be sued. The \$6,000, from parishioners' past donations, is in a checking account that Sister Beth Rindler transferred from the parish's control.

"It was like we were being invaded and I thought that the people somehow needed to be protected and so I moved the account," she said.

"I wasn't thinking of me. It's not mine; it's the parishioners' account."

Jay Barnum, a spokesman for the archdiocese, said the church "must take appropriate legal action to assure the proper custody of those funds" although no lawsuit had been filed by Friday. (UPI)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado: The US Space Command's Space Surveillance Centre has catalogued the 20,000th man-made object to orbit the earth, officials said Friday.

Navy Cmdr. Douglas Gilles, USSC deputy director of public affairs, said the Space Surveillance Centre catalogued Wednesday, May 24 a Soviet satellite, designated Cosmos 2021.

Sputnik 1, the first man-made object in space, also was launched by the Soviet Union on Oct. 4, 1957.

"Of the 20,000 objects catalogued since then, approximately 7,000 remain in orbit," Gilles said. Those objects range in size from a wrench dropped by a space shuttle astronaut to payloads weighing several tons, he said. (UPI)

BERN, Switzerland: Switzerland's first woman cabinet minister, who resigned after tipping her businessman husband about a drug money laundering probe, Friday suggested things might not have ended that way if she had been a man.

Former justice minister Elisabeth Kopp, marking her official farewell from Switzerland's Liberal Democratic Party, said there was "a certain justification" in the proverb, "Men make history, women achieve progress."

She said a number of letters since her resignation in January raised the question of how her fate as a cabinet member would have differed if she had been a man.

She called for more sexual equality in Switzerland, where women got the right to vote in national affairs only in 1971. (AP)

SACRAMENTO, California: A four-day jazz party that offers more than 100 musical groups — 15 of them from foreign countries — got underway in Sacramento, Friday.

Gov. George Deukmejian informally greeted a crowd of about 8,000 persons at the opening ceremony of the 16th Sacramento Dixieland Jubilee in a sunken parking lot in the downtown area.

Visiting jazz bands then took over the 90-minute ceremony and marched the four blocks to old Sacramento, the city's pioneer district, at the conclusion.

Officials of the mostly volunteer festival predicted a record number of music loving tourists would visit California's capital city for the event. Last year's festival drew about 110,000 visitors.

Among the foreign bands this year will be a group of elderly Chinese jazzmen who had to give up their favourite music for about 30 years after their country's 1949 communist revolution. (UPI)



Explosion

Flames shoot skyward after an underground transformer adjacent to the Richmond News-Dispatch and News Leader building exploded on Thursday. Nearby vehicles were set on fire and dozens of employees were forced to evacuate the building. No one was injured and the newspaper was printed on time. (Reuters wirephoto)

EL PASO, Texas: The border patrol has grabbed the narcotics smugglers by the throat and will not let go, US Senator Phil Gramm said Friday at the inauguration of a new \$1.9 million station for the law enforcement agency.

The Texas Republican said he will work to provide full funding to the US Immigration and Naturalization Service and border patrol following last year's action by Congress in cutting \$59 million from the budget.

"The border patrol has grabbed by the throat those who, through their smuggling activities, are preying off the health, happiness and lives of our children," Gramm said. "The border patrol has the smuggler by the throat and will not let go." (UPI)

USS Iowa sailor denies wrongdoing

MIAMI, May 27, (AP): A USS Iowa sailor linked to investigation of the massive explosion aboard the battleship yesterday denied wrongdoing and charged the Navy was seeking a scapegoat.

Kendall Truitt, 21-year-old gunner's mate 3rd class, got Miami Attorney Ellis Rubin to represent him. Rubin warned that continued allegations against Truitt, from homosexuality to that he intentionally caused the explosion that killed 47 sailors April 19, would be "answered in court."

Truitt and Clayton Hartwig, 25-year-old gun-

ner's mate who died in the gun turret blast, were best friends and took out \$100,000 life insurance policies naming each other as the beneficiaries. Navy investigators have said they are looking into the relationship as they study homicide as a possibility in the case.

"I think the Navy is at a loss," Truitt said. "They're just looking for a scapegoat."

Rubin said Truitt had come to south Florida seeking counsel and advice in connection with

these vicious, untrue, false and malicious rumours leaked by the intelligence service of the Navy and transmitted to favoured elements of the media.

"They have no evidence," he said. "They don't even have probable cause."

Rubin said Truitt risked his life to save other sailors after the explosion.

Truitt and wife, Carole, joined Rubin outside the attorney's law offices for a news conference in which Truitt denied allegations against him.



Truitt and Carole at the press conference. (Reuters wirephoto)



Noriega talks with press after meeting the OAS team.

Noriega's grip on power still firm

OAS delegation fails to make headway

PANAMA CITY, May 27. (Reuters) General Manuel Antonio Noriega's trip on power appeared as firm as ever today after a visit to Panama by an Organisation of American States (OAS) mission produced little visible progress.

Members of the OAS delegation put a brave face on their four-day visit, but Noriega and his opponents made clear there was not even agreement on a basis for negotiations to solve a

political crisis provoked by annulled elections.

"Regrettably, there has been no progress towards the reconciliation which we and all the people seek for the good of Panama," opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara told reporters yesterday.

The opposition and Noriega, Panama's Army chief and de facto ruler, each blamed the other for the deadlock, trading accusations of intransigence.

The OAS mission was sent to Panama after the elections were annulled amid violence and widespread charges of fraud by Noriega. Both government and opposition claimed victory in the May 7 election but independent observers said the opposition won by a large margin.

The opposition said Noriega had rejected an offer of direct talks. Noriega said any negotiations should be between political parties which contested the elec-

tion and should not involve the Army.

He said the opposition had refused to talk to the pro-Noriega coalition headed by official presidential candidate Carlos Duque.

The opposition rejected new elections or a coalition government and stood firmly by its demands for recognition of what it says was its election victory and an honourable retirement for Noriega.

The OAS condemned Noriega for abusing the electoral process and ordered the mission to Panama to seek the best way to ensure "the transfer of power with full respect for the sovereign will of the Panamanian people."

The United States, which imposed sanctions on Panama after Noriega was indicted on drug-trafficking charges in Florida last year, increased the pressure, withdrawing its ambassador.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Drug trafficking

LA PAZ, May 27. (UPI) The murders of two young Mormon Church missionaries from Utah by terrorists may be linked to the participation of US anti-drug agents in actions against cocaine traffickers, the nation's top domestic policy official said yesterday.

Interior Minister Eduardo Perez Beltran said a message sent to La Paz newspapers after the Wednesday night assassinations was "suggestive" of links to drug trafficking.

A little-known terrorist organisation, the Zarate Wilka Liberation Armed Forces, claimed responsibility for the murders of Jeffrey Todd Ball, 20, Coalville, Utah, and Todd Ray Wilson, 20, Wellington, Utah.

Officers freed

GUATEMALA CITY, May 27. (AP) A military court has agreed to free 10 military officers accused of participating in a failed coup attempt against Guatemala's civilian government earlier this month.

Although freed, the 10 officers remain under investigation and must remain in contact with the court.

At the same time, the court opened proceedings against an additional 11 military officials charged in the same May 9 coup attempt.

Meanwhile, one of the military official's defence attorneys said there are an additional 13 civilians who have been implicated in the failed coup against the 3-year-old government of Vinicio Fox Arroyo.

Troops loyal to Guatemala's government snuffed out the coup attempt by rebellious military officers without firing a shot.

Iran-Contra trial

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, May 27. (AP) A federal judge yesterday moved back the starting date of the Iran-Contra trial of a former CIA agent to July 24.

US district judge Claude Hilton granted the two-week delay after lawyers for Joseph Fernandez said the government's case has been tainted with testimony given under immunity from prosecution.

Fernandez, the CIA's former station chief in Costa Rica, is accused of covering up his ties to Oliver North's secret Contra resupply operation. The network operated during a congressional ban on military aid to the Nicaraguan rebel force.

Rebels kill 50

MAPUTO, Mozambique, May 27. (AP) Anti-government rebels killed 50 people in a recent attack on Masinga, a town in the southern part of Mozambique, the National News Agency AIM reported yesterday.

AIM, citing a broadcast on Radio Mozambique, said the guerrillas also castrated nine men in their May 12 attack.

Communications are extremely poor in the southeast African nation and information on fighting in remote areas sometimes takes days or weeks to reach the capital of Maputo.

Funding agreed

NAIROBI, May 27. (UPI) Delegates from 103 countries agreed at a meeting ended yesterday to boost funding for the United Nations Environment Programme and to begin work on a global treaty to control "greenhouse" gases that are heating up the earth's climate.

UNEP executive director Mostafa Tolba, citing the annual governing council meeting as the most successful in the organisation's 15 years of existence and praised the seriousness shown by participating countries, 44 of which were represented by ministers.

"Environment has come to the apex of the political and economic agenda," he told reporters after the two-week conference. From now on, "it is going to frame the economic relations and political agenda of the world."

Bomb blasts

ATHENS, Greece, May 27. (AP) A leftist Greek terrorist group said it planted a bomb in a public building yesterday that it set off two bombs to back up its call this week for voters to cast invalid ballots in next month's general elections.

The Revolutionary Popular Struggle (ELA) took responsibility for two powerful bomb blasts that ripped through two government buildings on Thursday.

One blast gutted the fourth floor of the Social Welfare Ministry in downtown Athens and the other damaged offices of the Social Security Organisation in the northern city of Salonika. No one was injured in the explosions.

Commander jailed

LUENBURG, West Germany, May 27. (Reuters) A former Nazi concentration camp commander was jailed for life yesterday for murdering two Soviet prisoners of war in 1944.

Horst Czerwinski, 66, was found guilty of shooting the two prisoners who tried to escape near the Auschwitz concentration camp.

The Luenburg court, for lack of evidence cleared him of charges of killing six other prisoners.

Czerwinski, a former member of Adolf Hitler's elite SS troops, denied the accusations. Some 200 witnesses from Israel, the United States, Poland and Brazil testified during the trial's 249 sessions.

Polish students to strike

WARSAW, May 27. (AP) University students denied permission to register a pro-Solidarity association decided yesterday to carry on a nationwide series of academic strikers until "final victory," spokesman said.

The members of the banned Independent Students Association, or NZS, said they have formed an inter-school strike committee to co-ordinate protest activities.

At a news conference at the



Uneasy peace in riot-hit Benin city

Rally against hardships

LAGOS, May 27. (Reuters) Troops and police enforced an uneasy peace in Benin city in Nigeria today after three days of anti-government rioting in which at least three demonstrators were shot dead.

"It's all quiet now, but on Thursday thousands of people were on the streets telling the president to go, and yesterday (Friday) there was shooting," a nun at the Catholic mission in Benin city said.

She said security forces were out in strength in the city, the ancient capital of Bendel state.

Local radio journalist Andrew Haruna said he had seen the bodies of three young men, rioters shot dead by troops and police yesterday, at the Central Hospital.

Some newspapers said five people were killed, 20 wounded and 100 arrested.

Campus unrest erupted over the past week in several parts of Nigeria, the military-ruled West African country struggling to drag itself out of the economic doldrums with an IMF-backed structural adjustment programme, known as SAP.

The debt-ridden nation, impoverished despite its past oil wealth, has slashed imports and

cut back on subsidies to try and stimulate local industry and agriculture. But unemployment is chronic and prices, including of staple foods, are skyrocketing.

"SAP is sapping the masses to death," read one of the banners carried by demonstrators in Benin on Thursday.

Student-led demonstrations against hardships blamed on President Ibrahim Babangida's policies began peacefully in the city on Wednesday.

Violence exploded the next day as crowds barricaded main roads, set public buildings ablaze and stormed two prisons, releasing at least 600 inmates.

Bendel state governor Tunde Ogbeha responded by ordering his men to shoot rioters on sight and slapped a dusk to dawn curfew on the city, 320 km (200 miles) east of Lagos.

All schools in the state have been closed until further notice and students have been ordered to leave the University of Benin campus.

Information Minister Tony Momoh said in Lagos the federal government would not intervene as long as the Bendel state authorities had the situation under control.



Solidarity leader Lech Walesa makes a point at an election rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

Accused Democrat will leave Congress

WASHINGTON, May 27. (Agencies) Congressman Tony Coelho, the third-ranking Democrat in the House of Representatives, will quit Congress rather than face an ethics probe similar to one that has driven Speaker Jim Wright to the brink of resignation, the House majority leader said today.

Coelho, the majority whip in the House, has come under fire in recent weeks for a \$100,000 junk bond investment in which he earned more than \$6,000 without investing any money, and for other financial dealings.

"He's decided to give up his whip post and go into private sector which he has considered doing at some time before," Thomas Foley, the party majority leader in the lower house of Congress, said by telephone after speaking with Coelho.

"He's told me that he has every confidence that he can rebut the charges that have been made or that might be made as a result of any investigation, but that he feels under the circumstances that he, in the interest of avoiding a long controversy which he feels could hurt the party and the House, he's decided to give up his whip post."

Coelho was expected to formally announce his decision to step down in a statement today. House of Representatives Democratic leader Thomas Foley, who would most likely become House Speaker if Wright quits the job, stressed he knows of no plans by Wright to leave the top leadership post.

Foley spent yesterday in his home state of Washington, avoiding speculation of Wright's possible exit and his own potential elevation to the speakership.

Wright, whose political future is imperilled by charges of ethics violations, is spending the long Memorial Day weekend considering his options. He and his wife, Betty, left yesterday for a private holiday weekend at an undisclosed location.

Foley reiterated yesterday: "I know of no deal that's been cut or about to be cut. ... I have no knowledge of any plans on his part to resign or retire the speakership."

Congressman Donald Lukens was convicted yesterday of having sex with a 16-year-old girl whose mother accused the congressman of offering a government job to buy her silence.

The Ohio Republican showed no emotion when the verdict was read.

The 58-year-old divorced congressman was charged with contributing to the unruliness and delinquency of a minor, a misdemeanor that carries a maximum sentence of 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Former representative Pat Swindall, Republican of Georgia, made it explicit to an undercover agent acting as a South American moneybroker that he feared a loan he was considering was tied to drug money, a recording played for jurors revealed yesterday.

In a sting operation that led to Swindall's Oct 17, 1988, 10-count perjury indictment, undercover IRS Agent Michael Mulaney secretly taped and recorded Swindall negotiations to pay for his \$1.4 million mansion in Stone Mountain.

Supreme Soviet seat eludes Yeltsin

Surprise defeat

MOSCOW, May 27. (AP) Communist maverick Boris Yeltsin, who won an overwhelming landslide in the popular vote to the new Parliament, was defeated today by fellow deputies in a bid for election to the country's new legislature, the Supreme Soviet.

Other prominent reformers also failed to gain seats in the legislature.

The crusading populist garnered a majority of the votes in the Congress of People's Deputies. But he ran last among 12 candidates for 11 seats allotted to candidates from the giant Russian federation.

Members of the 2,500-member Congress were elected by the people this spring. Then during their inaugural session yesterday, deputies elected 542 of their own members to serve in the Supreme Soviet, which is expected to wield greater power than its predecessor. Some results of that voting were announced today.

The loss was a severe setback for Yeltsin, who gave up his job in the government when the Parliament convened and is now technically unemployed. However, he could still win the vice presidency in further balloting by the new Congress, the first competitively elected Soviet Parliament in 70 years.

Yuri Osipyan, chairman of the commission that counted the ballots overnight, announced that Yeltsin received 1,185 votes, with 964 members of the national Parliament voting against him.

That was not enough for election to one of the two chambers in the Supreme Soviet.

Yeltsin, a former member of

the Communist Party's ruling politburo and former Moscow party chief, became the sole candidate defeated in balloting for the Soviet of Nationalities, one chamber of the Supreme Soviet.

When the results of the second chamber, the Soviet of the Union, were declared, it was clear that deputies had rejected virtually all the most outspoken reformers on the ballot.

The failed candidates included sociologist Tatyana Zaslavskaya, economist Gavril Popov, editor Valentin Logunov, historian Sergei Stankevich and agriculture expert Vladimir Tikhonov, all of whom are known progressives.

From a group of 55 deputies competing for 29 seats to represent Moscow, historian Roy Medvedev was the sole recognised reformer to scrape through.

The burly, white-haired Yeltsin's attacks on official privilege and calls for a better life for average Soviets swept him into the Congress in this spring's elections, with almost 90 per cent of Moscow voters backing him over the establishment candidate.

Yeltsin was ousted from his job as Moscow party boss in November 1987 after he criticised the slow pace of President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms. He had even suggested it was time to discuss creating a multi-party system to end the communists' legal monopoly on political power.

Four days before the Congress convened, Yeltsin announced that he and other deputies elected from Moscow had drafted their own programme that would have

included radical measures to revive the shortage-ridden Soviet economy and forced Gorbachev to deliver an address on his domestic and foreign policy before he could stand for re-election as Soviet President.

The Congress, however, rejected the Moscow deputies' proposal to alter the official agenda, and Gorbachev was re-elected Soviet head of state Thursday with more than 95 per cent of the vote on the first day of the Congress.

Because of Yeltsin's unorthodox views, the Communist Party's policy-making central committee ordered a probe to determine whether his campaign platform violated the party line. Despite his anti-establishment rhetoric, Yeltsin remains a central committee member and is bound to observe party discipline.

On Thursday, Yeltsin withdrew his name from consideration as an alternate candidate to Gorbachev, the party's candidate for the presidency, saying he was required to back the party's nominee.

In casting ballots last night to determine which of its members should serve in the legislature, some deputies put up stiff resistance to more conventional party bosses and top apparatchiks, but the officials won election anyway to the Soviet of Nationalities.

Vitaly, Vorotnikov, the only member of the ruling party politburo to stand as a candidate, had 761 deputies vote against him. His 1,388 votes, however, were enough for him to outpoll Yeltsin and win him election from the Russian federation.

Valentin Falin, head of the party's policy-making central committee's international department, was opposed by 373 deputies, and Alexander Kapto, chief of the party's ideological department, got 282 "No" votes.

Moscow-based deputies placed 55 candidates of the ballot for the 29 seats allotted them in the chamber.

Before the balloting, some deputies complained the nominating procedure was rigged to keep party and government officials in power.

Hundreds of Soviets yesterday defied a ban on unauthorised meetings and gathered in a downtown square to criticise their new Parliament hours after it defeated reformers' attempts to sanction their rally.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was scheduled to make a three-day visit to Greece next week and will meet Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, a government spokesman said yesterday.

Soviet authorities, seemed to have been peaceful, with police avoiding a repetition of last month's violence in Tbilisi.

In Abkhazia, a region on the Black Sea coast, transmission of the inaugural session of the Soviet Congress of People's Deputies from Moscow was interrupted for around an hour after nationalists put a Georgian flag on the television tower, local residents said.

"In my speech I demanded a return to the independence of Georgia," Gamsakhurdia said from Tbilisi. "We also spoke about conditions in Georgia and about the attempts of the Russian empire to stop the national movement."

The Independence Day demonstrations, apparently permitted for the first time by



Uno: untainted

Soviets didn't try to bribe MPs: UK

LONDON, May 27. (Agencies) British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe has denied press reports that Soviet diplomats and journalists were expelled because they tried to bribe opposition politicians, Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock said today.

Kinnock said he was contacted by Howe yesterday after the party protested.

He quoted Howe as saying: "I can assure you that there has been no suggestion of any association of Labour members of Parliament in the activities for which the Soviet diplomats and other Soviet nationals are being expelled."

Howe also denied that the misinformation was leaked by the government to newspapers or broadcasting organisations.

A week ago Britain ordered eight Soviet diplomats and three journalists to leave within two weeks after accusing them of spying. Three other diplomats were told not to return.

Moscow retaliated by expelling the same numbers of British diplomats and journalists and has also threatened to cut the number of Britons allowed to live in the Soviet Union.

Howe has refused to give any details of the activities of the Soviet nationals but insisted they were guilty of trying to harm national security.

After the press allegations of bribery, Labour foreign affairs spokesman Gerald Kaufman accused the government of "blatant and contemptible" news management.

The expulsions have soured Anglo-Soviet relations only seven weeks after a successful visit to London by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who invited Queen Elizabeth to Moscow.

Leonid Kravchenko, director-general of the Tass news agency, has urged to Howe to repent the expulsion of its correspondent Igor Peskov. He described Peskov as a man of "impeccable honesty" who had done nothing to contravene British law.

Unjustified

Meanwhile, the British government condemned today as "entirely unjustified" the expulsion of four Britons from Czechoslovakia.

In a clear retaliatory move for the British expulsion of four Czech diplomats from London on Thursday, Prague said the Britons had been involved in "unacceptable activities", "diplomatic espionage for spying."

The British Ambassador in Prague, Peter Laurence O'Keefe, was summoned to the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry, where he was informed of the expulsion and handed a "resolute protest against groundless charges" against the four Czechoslovak diplomats in London and against their expulsion.

The state news agency CTK said the Czechoslovak side considers the accusations made against the Czechoslovak diplomats "completely groundless," adding the British decision runs counter to the good development of bilateral co-operation "and the process of strengthening confidence and security in Europe."

Earlier, the Czechoslovak Communist Party daily Rude Pravo called the expulsion of its diplomats another case of "British cynicism, which certain British spies bring about from time to time."

Georgians demand independence in mass rallies

MOSCOW, May 27. (Reuters) Several hundred thousand Georgians demanding independence took to the streets yesterday for the first mass rallies since troops broke up a demonstration on April 9, killing 20 people, eyewitnesses said.

Georgian nationalists jailed after last month's unrest were among speakers at one of a series of gatherings allowed in the republic on the anniversary of the 1918 date that marked the start of three years of Georgian independence.

"There were great meetings in the whole town, about half a million people," said Zviad Gamsakhurdia, one of four nationalists

released on bail last week after more than a month of detention. "The whole of Georgia has come to Tbilisi."

A journalist at the Georgian news agency, Gruzinform, put attendance at the largest rally in the capital at around 100,000 people, but was unable to give the number at the many meetings elsewhere in the republic.

Crowds waving the black, white and claret flag of independent Georgia were still in the old town in the late evening, almost 12 hours after the demonstrations began, Gamsakhurdia said.

The Independence Day demonstrations, apparently permitted for the first time by

Gunman killed after shooting at Israelis

Settlers raid Arab village

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 27. (Agencies): Israeli troops shot and killed an unidentified gunman today after he opened fire on an Israeli patrol from the Jordanian side of the border and slightly wounded two soldiers, the Army said.

Jordan, in an official broadcast, suggested the attacker was a Jordanian Army soldier who earlier had abandoned his observation post at the border.

The attack occurred at about 06:30 am on the Jordanian border near the kibbutz or a communal settlement of Hamadiya, 80 kms (50 miles) northeast of Jerusalem, the military command said.

It said an Israeli Army patrol that moved inside Israel, along the border fence, "encountered light weapons fire from east of the fence" or across the border, and returned fire.

In searches conducted in the area after the firefight, soldiers found the body of a gunman, dressed in a military-type uniform and armed with the US-made M-16 assault rifle, an Army spokesman said.

The body was found on the Jordanian side of the border, he said.



Shamir: belittles differences

Black hole of Israeli mind

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 27. (AP): Many Israelis, unwilling to acknowledge Army brutality against Palestinians during the 17-month uprising, have created a "black hole" of denial and repression to block out the unsavory images, according to an Israeli psychologist.

Speaking at a two-day conference on "Psychological Barriers to Peace," psychologist Stanley Cohen said even those Israelis who recognise that Palestinians are being mistreated have frequently rationalised the issue often by blaming the Arab victims.

"Many Israelis find it impossible to believe that their own people can be responsible for such brutality. The information is unacceptable and slips into a black hole of the mind," Cohen said at the conference, which ended Thursday.

"Either that, or it is repackaged, using the 'yes, but, technique.' Yes, but he must have done something to deserve it. Or yes, but the media exaggerates," said the South American-born Cohen, a professor at Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

At least 500 Palestinians have been killed during the revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, most of them by Israeli troops. Twenty-two Israelis have also been killed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

11 drug traffickers hanged

NICOSIA, May 27. (Reuters): Eleven drug traffickers were hanged in public today in the northwestern city of Tatzir in Iran's continuing war on drugs, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The agency, received in Nicosia, said the Islamic Revolutionary Court in Tatzir sentenced the 11 to death for the purchase and distribution of drugs and the production and trafficking of heroin abroad.

This brought to 579 the number of drug dealers executed around the country since an anti-narcotics law went into effect in January.

Lebanese beheaded

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, May 27. (Reuters): A Lebanese was beheaded in Saudi Arabia yesterday after being found guilty of murdering a man he was defrauding, newspapers in the kingdom reported today.

The papers quoted the Saudi Interior Minister as saying Ayman Kassem Al-Harakeh was executed in Al-Khobar for killing a fellow Lebanese after the man discovered Harakeh was forging cheques in his name.

Oman may buy Mirage jets

ABU DHABI, May 27. (Reuters): Oman is considering buying French Mirage 2000 fighter jets following its decision last month to shelve a deal for advanced British-made Tornados, a United Arab Emirates newspaper said today.

Al Itihad newspaper said Sultan Qaboos would discuss buying an unspecified number of Mirages during a four-day visit to France beginning on Tuesday.

'The ultimate act of love'

ALBANY, New York, May 27. (UPI): On the eve of Memorial Day weekend, an upstate New York man yesterday proposed freeing the hostages in Lebanon by offering volunteer "peace hostages" to take their place in captivity.

A spokesman for one of the nation's major hostage-release groups said the proposal represents "the ultimate act of love."

Dan James, the founder and former president of a US-Soviet exchange programme headquartered in New York City, sent a cable on Thursday night to New York's John Cardinal O'Connor, who plans to travel to Beirut this week, asking him to help arrange the programme and recruit volunteers for it.

'Evening of candles and incense'

NEW YORK, May 27. (KUNA): The richness and unique aspects of Islamic culture found expression on Wednesday night at a dinner and fashion show intended to benefit the library of New York's new Islamic Cultural Centre.

Under the patronage of her majesty Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan, the Islamic Cultural Society, an organisation of Islamic women, organised an "evening of candles and incense" that attracted an illustrious crowd of 370 guests paying \$150 a plate.

Queen Noor, who did not attend personally, sent Prince Faisal and his wife, Alia, to represent her.

International symposium

PARIS, May 27. (KUNA): An international symposium on the history and cultural contribution of the "Alexandria library" will be held here on June 5 under the patronage of Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development Agencies (AGFUND).

The symposium, which will be held at the UNESCO headquarters, will be presided over by the AGFUND chairman, Prince Talal Bin Abdul Aziz, it was announced here by UNESCO.

Relief officials almost murdered

UNITED NATIONS, May 27. (AP): Train robbers almost murdered the field director of the UN's famine relief operation in Sudan and two French officials last week while they were on a mercy mission, officials said.

The three men were accompanying a trainload of relief supplies. They were not harmed by the bandits, but their lives were spared only because about 110 Sudanese railroad workers protect them by surrounding them, officials said.

Meanwhile, Jewish settlers raided a Palestinian village in the occupied West Bank yesterday, shooting at least three residents and damaging houses and cars in a third vigilante attack in less than a day, Israel Radio and Arab reports said.

Leftist politicians said the outburst of vigilante activity by the 70,000 Jewish settlers living in the occupied lands was designed to block Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's peace initiative that calls for Palestinian elections.

Shamir declined to answer questions about settler raids, saying only:

"I don't think we are facing a very serious situation. If it's necessary to do something we shall do it."

Shamir who has returned from a European tour, played down differences with the United States over Israeli policy in the occupied territories but criticised the timing of the latest Washington criticism.

"There is no conflict between us and the United States," Shamir told Israel Television, referring to a speech in which US Secretary of State James Baker called on Israel to forswear annexation of the occupied territories and grant full political rights to Palestinians.

"Differences of opinion over the same issues that Secretary Baker brought up have existed for many years... and relations between the United States and Israel have been excellent," Shamir said.

He added: "But I think the timing and the severity of the remarks were definitely excessive."

Meanwhile, troops dispersing a protest march of about 500 Arabs at the West-Bank refugee camp of Dheisheh near Bethlehem opened live ammunition fire and wounded seven people, an AP reporter said.

The protesters, most of them masked, marched through the camp, raising outworn Palestinian flags and banners and shouting slogans through portable loudspeakers to commemorate three victims of Army gunfire killed in the area 40 days ago.

Arab hospital officials in East Jerusalem and Bethlehem said a 15-year-old girl was hospitalised with a stomach wound, and another young woman was treated for three gunshot wounds to the legs. Five others were treated and released, they said.

■ Palestine asked the UN secretary-general yesterday to issue periodic reports on the situation in the occupied territories.

■ Delegates to a United Nations conference on the environment rejected a report on environmental conditions in the Israeli-occupied territories and demanded that a group of experts be sent back to redo the work.

Iran-Afghan negotiations progressing

KABUL, Afghanistan, May 27. (AP): The governments of Afghanistan and Iran are making progress in efforts aimed at ending the fighting between Afghan armed forces and the Muslim alliance based in Tehran, officials said yesterday.

"Iran is becoming increasingly important. They oppose a military solution," said one official closely involved in the negotiations.

"If Pakistan does not push the seven-party alliance in Peshawar (Pakistan), then Iran will tell the eight-party alliance (in Tehran) to cut a deal with the Soviets and (President) Najibullah," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said Tehran is anxious to begin repatriating an estimated 2 million Afghans who have sought exile in Iran during the 11-year-old war between Afghan government forces and Muslim rebels.

He also said Iran wants to establish closer ties with the Kremlin.

The Tehran-based rebel alliance representing the Shiite minority in Afghanistan is at odds with the Sunni Muslim rebels based in Pakistan.



The seat for the Lebanese representative at the summit remains empty. On the right is Khaddafi.

Row almost derailed summit

Arabs rally behind PLO

Egypt, Libya patching up

CASABLANCA, May 27. (Reuters): Arab heads of state rallied behind Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's peace strategy yesterday after a four-day summit which almost came unstuck through wrangling over Lebanon.

King Hassan of Morocco called the summit to show the world that the Arabs were solidly behind new, moderate Palestinian policies which have brought substantial diplomatic gains for Arafat's PLO.

The summit also set the seal on Egypt's return to the Arab League, throwing the weight of the most populous Arab state behind the Arab world's pro-Western majority.

But, despite a series of reconciliations between such long-time foes as President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Libya's Muammar Khaddafi, Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, the deepest Arab rift stalked the summit throughout.

All efforts failed to heal the bitter enmity of more than 20 years between Syria and Iraq, personified by Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, leaders of rival factions of the once pan-Arab Baath Party.

Their battlefield this time was Lebanon and their row scotched hopes of an early end to the suffering of the divided country's 3.5 million people.

All the summit managed to salvage on Lebanon was agreement to set up yet another committee.

Iraq's Saddam led the attack on Syria's military presence in Lebanon where its 40,000 troops back Muslim militias and a faction of the Lebanese Army against an Iraqi-supported military administration in the Christian enclave.

Arab League officials recognised that Assad, regarding neighbouring Lebanon as an area of vital interest to his increasingly isolated country, could not be persuaded to pull out his Army.

But their advice that no agreement could be reached unless it received Syrian backing was ignored and four days of acrimonious debate followed.

Syria won. The summit's com-

mon unique failed to mention the controversial role of Syria's troops, deployed in Lebanon since 1976, or their possible withdrawal.

King Hassan, with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, will try to resolve Lebanon's root problems — a political system based on Christian dominance of a country which now has a

muslim majority and interference by powerful neighbours.

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Mubarak and Khaddafi, two old rivals, met on Wednesday on the fringes of the May 23-26 emergency Arab summit in the Moroccan city of Casablanca upon an initiative by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

Upon a similar reconciliatory initiative by North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Mubarak also met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on Thursday in Casablanca.

The Kuwaiti newspaper Al Seyassah quoted Assad this week as saying Damascus would restore full diplomatic relations with Cairo "directly after the Casablanca summit" and that he has already informed his strong ally Khaddafi about it.

Syria and Libya, along with Lebanon, are the only three countries that continue the 10-year-old Arab boycott of Egypt which began when Cairo signed the peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

Relations between Libya and Egypt have been marked with tension for years and in July, 1977, the two countries fought several air and land battles along their border.

Libya was also accused in the mid-1970s of arming "violent revolutionary groups" in Egypt and the Sudan.



Arafat makes the victory sign.



Saddam greets reporters.

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US envoy meets Aoun

Accept Arab decision

By Mohammad Annan

BEIRUT, May 27: The unexpected return to Beirut of US Ambassador John McCarthy is directly linked to resolutions adopted by the emergency Arab summit conference which concluded its sessions in Casablanca yesterday, the daily Seyassah has learned.

McCarthy, whose country has supported the Arab League initiative on Lebanon, met yesterday with the heads of Lebanon's dual government to convey US support for the Arab summit resolutions.

Al Seyassah also came to know that McCarthy has served a clear warning to General Michel Aoun to accept the Arab resolutions, reminding him that these resolutions have gained a wide Arab and international support. The US ambassador was believed to have also warned Aoun of the consequences of rejecting the resolutions.

In West Beirut, the Arab resolutions drew a generally positive response. Dr Salim Hoss in a statement yesterday welcomed and supported the resolutions and expressed his government's readiness to co-operate with the three-man Arab committee to implement them. Government sources in West Beirut expressed optimism about the resolutions especially since the Arab League committee on Lebanon has been raised from a ministerial level to a head of state level. This development, in view of West Beirut government sources, reflected Arab seriousness in finding a quick solution to the Lebanese crisis.

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Observer force won't be formed

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and to lift their blockades. But soon after the meeting ended, there were clashes in mountains southeast of Beirut, raising fears that fighting could resume in earnest.

Aoun, in his first public comment on the summit, said today: "We reject any international or regional policy that forces us to surrender."

"We will only accept a free and independent country that belongs to all its citizens living according to their own will, free of the influence of states seeking to fulfil their own political goals in Lebanon. Lebanon has moved from the era of submission to the age of revolution."

Aoun, a Christian, heads a military cabinet rivaling the Syrian-backed administration of Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss. Hoss has pledged to co-operate with the Arab committee.

The Arab observer force organised by an Arab League committee on Lebanon to monitor the ceasefire between Christian and Syrian forces will not be formed, Sheikh Sabah said in a statement published today.

Sheikh Sabah made the announcement in formally disbanding the six-member Arab League committee after the summit, named the three-member committee.

During the summit, Syria balked at plans to dispatch the Arab observer force to Lebanon to monitor the ceasefire.

"The assignment of the Arab League's six-man committee on Lebanon has now been totally terminated as a result of a decision by Arab leaders to set up a higher tripartite panel of three Arab heads of state," said Sheikh Sabah in a statement published in a Kuwaiti daily.

He said the 321-member Arab observer will not be formed "because there is no need for it since the whole matter has been assigned to the higher committee which will now take up the duty of handling the deteriorating situation in Lebanon."

Diplomatic sources said that Saudi Arabia, which has given Syria billions of dollars in aid, might give the new panel more weight.

"King Fahd has leverage not only with Syria but also with the Lebanese leaders, and with Washington where he can push for the Israeli pullout from the south," said one of the sources. The Saudi monarch is scheduled to pay an official visit to the US as of July 27.

Syrian artillery shelled the Christian enclave north of Beirut today despite an appeal for ceasefire.

Police reported no casualties in the sporadic shelling by 130mm howitzers deployed in Muslim West Beirut aimed at blocking Christian ports.

The Syrians have been shelling the besieged Christian enclave daily since May 11.

The conservative Ad-Diyar daily of Beirut reported that an unnamed senior Arab official telephoned Aoun and Hoss yesterday to say the ceasefire "is now final and thorough."

Ad-Diyar, which is close to Aoun, said the Arab official informed both Lebanese leaders that sea blockades imposed by Aoun and the Syrians "will be lifted next week."

A land siege by Syrian troops and their militia allies of the 310-square-mile (800-sq-kilometre) Christian enclave will also be called off next week, the report added, without elaboration.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah returned to Kuwait tonight from Morocco where he attended the Arab summit.

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Survey issued on reasons behind frequent jail terms

THE General Planning and Information Department at the Ministry of the Interior has issued a new statistical report under the title 'Remanded Inmates,' which includes a detailed study into why released prisoners often find their way back into jail and gives recommendations on the social care of ex-convicts and means to protect them from slipping back into criminal ways.

The report was based on a 40-question survey covering social and economic circumstances and the educational level of prisoners, as well as the number of times some of them had been jailed and on what type of charges.

The survey dealt with inmates from the central, Doha and women prison over a period of 18 months.

The report concluded that criminals, despite the severe code of punishment, fall back into their criminal way either through social pressure or because the penal code is not severe enough and hence requires re-consideration.

According to the report the remanded inmates in Kuwait are mostly male totalling 110 and constituting 97.3 per cent of the total prisoners, while only 3 females returned to custody a percentage of 2.7.

The report states that remanded inmates belong to five definite age groups

the largest of which is between 27 and 35 years, totalling 44 and constituting 38.9 per cent, who are immediately followed by those between 18 and 26 years, totalling 28 and constituting 24.8 per cent.

Other categories involve those between 36 and 44 years, totalling 26 and forming 23 per cent while the next category includes those between 45 and 53, totalling 12 and forming 10.6 per cent, while the last category involves those over 54, totalling 3 and forming only 2.7 per cent.

According to the report the majority of remanded prisoners are Kuwaitis, totalling 85 and forming 75.2 per cent of all prisoners, while prisoners with unidentified nationalities were only 28 constituting 24.8 per cent.

The report noted that other nationalities are usually subject to deportation.

The report indicated that 113 frequent inmates were of intermediate educational level, 33 of secondary educational level and 14 illiterates while those with university education totalled 4 and even fewer with elementary educational level.

The report says that frequent inmates with intermediate and secondary educational levels formed 75 per cent of the total number of prisoners under study.

The report also noted that 41 per cent of the frequent inmates were bachelors, 41 per cent married, 17 per cent divorcees and 2.7 per cent widowers, indicating that the lack of a sense of responsibility and youth were the reasons for the return of hachelors to jail, compared to married inmates.

The report says that 40 per cent of frequent inmates come from the governorate of Hawalli, 25 per cent from Jahra, 23 per cent from Ahmadi and only 13 per cent from the Capital, and that 41 per cent of the total crimes were committed in Hawalli, 26 per cent in the Capital Governorate, 19 per cent in Jahra, and 15 per cent in Ahmadi.

Drop out rate of students at low level

Alternatives offered

THE assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Education, Dr Rashid Al Hamad has said that the student drop out rate caused by the difficulty of educational curricula is very normal. He added that the phenomena exists among Kuwaiti students and varies according to the educational stages.

In an interview with a local daily, he pointed out that Kuwait has one of the lowest rates of student drop-outs compared with other countries.

Studies on this issue revealed that the phenomena is higher at the later educational stages. He said that studies on the reasons behind it are greatly connected to the personality of the students. Other reasons are family, social and school problems.

The study revealed that the length of some curricula and their inability to adapt with the environment and age of students affected the dropout rates.

Review

He said that the Ministry of Education is always keen to review its curricula and forms committees to follow-up their development at all educational stages.

Hamad pointed out that the Ministry of Education established the parallel education system two years ago to facilitate students who are not able to continue education at the intermediate stage. He added that parallel education directs students towards a more professional and technical career and has proven to be successful over the past two years.

He said that the Ministry of Education is adapting several structural policies to go along with the transformations in its educational programmes and plans.

The Ministry of Planning, Public Works, and the Public Authority for Housing in addition to the Ministry of Education are currently studying the requirements of school at all educational stages.

The Ministry of Education has also conducted a study on the condition of all schools concerning construction and maintenance matters.

Role

Meanwhile, Dr Yaqoub Al Sharah, the Ministry of Education Assistant Undersecretary for Private Education Affairs commented on the importance of the role played by private education in achieving objectives of the development, economical and social plans which will give expatriates and residents at both the private and government sectors of education an opportunity to participate in achieving these objectives while living in Kuwait.

He pointed out that private education in Kuwait is one of the compatible systems in the world and that it provides education to different nationalities according to systems followed at home countries without interfering with Islamic directives and rules.

He said that the Ministry of Education gives freedom to whoever is interested in working in the private sector of education to achieve the sought-after objectives without interfering with traditional and Islamic values.

Exam cheats caught

THE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khudari has said that the ministry staff last Thursday apprehended a number of students while attempting to cheat during the exams in certain educational areas.

The majority involved were students sitting exams at the Education Centre for the Elderly. Appropriate measures are being taken which includes preventing them from appearing for the remaining exams of the first term, and from sitting for the second term exams in more serious cases, the official said.

He pointed out that attempted cheating rates had dropped dramatically following the enforcement of strict control measures, compared to rates recorded over the past three years.

He added this also indicated a positive response by students to the ministry measures, which, among other things, encouraged the nursing of a sense of self-reliance.

Reports

He expressed satisfaction with the progress of exams this year, stressing that no difficulties had so far been encountered by the '89 exam committees and that the daily reports on exam progress submitted by these committees in the five governorates were encouraging.

He said that the ministry had distributed teachers of the elementary and intermediate levels to act as invigilators, while teachers of the first and secondary stages were assigned to exercise control at examination venues.

Teachers of the final secondary stages were commissioned to correct exam papers the official said.

Question papers were prepared by specialised committees comprising university teachers. All questions were confined to the limits of the prescribed books, Khudari added.



Catch of the day

Local fishermen proudly display the day's catch to prospective customers. Fish remains to be the most popular dish in the country and much bating will take place before it reaches appreciative consumers.

Double alert

Fire dept ready for summer

THE director of the General Fire Department, Brigadier Ahmad Husain Abdul Razzaq told a local daily that the department is alert throughout the year to conduct its duties. This readiness increases during summer months, in particular, when temperatures soar.

Fire brigades arrive at fire locations in record time. Some fire centres distributed at different Kuwait areas have two teams of fire men, due to the large area and density of population like the Salmiya centre, which covers many districts. When one team is called to a fire the other team will stay alert and ready to go, should another fire be reported simultaneously, the official said.

Regarding new projects, Brigadier Razzaq stressed that preparations are underway for the establishment of a fire fighting college in Sulaibiya.

He added that the department has stopped holding training courses for the time being. He indicated that the new fire fighting college will offer training courses in many fields like advanced sciences, and practical training on modern equipment and scientific fire fighting methods.

Razzaq explained that the General Fire Department will conduct some transfers of workers at centres on a limited scale.

WEATHER

HOT summer weather will continue with moderate north-westerly wind may freshen at times.
State of sea: Moderate to rough
High water: 6.07 am, 4.24 pm
Low water: 11.07 am, 11.58 pm
Sunrise: 4.50 am
Sunset: 6.41 pm
Maximum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 45°C 113°F
Ahmadi: 39°C 102°F
Fahla: 41°C 106°F
Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 28°C 82°F
Ahmadi: 31°C 88°F
Fahla: 32°C 90°F
Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 45°C 113°F
Ahmadi: 40°C 104°F
Fahla: 42°C 108°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 28 per cent
Ahmadi: 38 per cent

Training programmes fulfill local needs

THE director-general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Dr Abdul Rahman Al Muhailan has said a local daily that the authority has been able to provide the labour market with certain professional cadre to meet local demand.

He added that the authority's various programmes were intended to meet the national policy of meeting the demand for professional specialists and that therefore youths are encouraged to join the various authority institutes and colleges.

Muhailan said that a meeting was arranged with representatives from the authority, Kuwait University, the Planning Ministry and the Ministry of Higher Education to establish a clear well-knit plan for manpower development.

He said the existing expatriate manpower in Kuwait was 96 per cent of which 60 per cent are non-Arabs.

Education

He added that the authority is currently preparing a new study aimed at diversifying the curricular subject matter for secondary education.

The poor social view of vocational skills discouraged students from attempting to learn such skills or receive professional training in different practical fields, he added.

Kuwaiti labour is not readily available and is even absent in certain sectors, and that if the labour law stipulates that every

private establishment should have minimum 25 per cent Kuwaiti staff, the labour market situation would become better, Muhailan said.

In co-operation with Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry is to organise a training course aimed at upgrading its employees' experience in preparing feasibility studies, a local daily reported.

The training programmes which will begin in June will focus on the economic feasibility studies and the evaluation of the industrial enterprises including marketing, financial, technical and administrative aspects of these enterprises.

Sector

It added that the training course will also cover the development of the country's industrial sector, the incentives and the support given to the industrialists and the role of the industrial sector in the national economy as well as the problems facing industrial development in Kuwait.

The programmes will debate the criteria of the project based on the production capacity and the capital costs either in foreign or local currencies.

The training course will be attended by experts from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Industrial Investment Corporation and Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED).

New measures effective

Strict control over medicines

FOLLOWING the arrest of two pharmacists on charges of dealing in drugs, the Ministry of Public Health has recently instituted preventive measures, according to a ministry official.

The measures to curb the misuse and abuse of drugs have been effective, acting undersecretary at the ministry Ibrahim Al Mudaf was quoted as saying in a local daily.

The health registration system currently being enforced by some health areas and which will be introduced at others will further contribute towards reducing this menace, the official said.

He added that pharmacists are held fully responsible for all drugs in their custody. The Special Pharmacists Division conducts periodical checks to

ascertain the authenticity of the level of drugs and pharmacists are taken to task if the drug quantities do not tally.

New unified prices of medications will be applicable as of next November, Mudaf said and added that there is clear understanding and co-operation between the ministry and the Union of Importers of Medications regarding this issue.

The ministry has begun to appoint pharmacists and assistant pharmacists to replenish existing shortages in the pharmaceutical sector, the official said.

The ministry is considering the feasibility of purchasing very costly medicines for use in specialised treatment programmes, Mudaf concluded.

Kuwaiti deaths

Foul play ruled out

KUWAIT, May 27, (KUNA): Director of City Prosecution Sultan Abu Jerwah Friday ruled out crime in the case of two Kuwaitis found dead Friday evening in their car in the Kalfan area.

The coroner, who saw the bodies told KUNA that he needs to conduct an autopsy to determine the cause of the deaths.

Witnesses said the police found a bottle containing a white liquid and another with capsules, but Abu Jerwah said he did not see anything when he arrived on the scene.

Abu Jerwah added that investigations will disclose circumstances surrounding the incident.

The youths, Salah Al Eissa, 24 years old and Ahmad Al Ghareeb, 29 years old were found by a neighbour who saw them in their car about 50 metres away from his house. He added he reported it to the police immediately.

The bodies were taken to the morgue and police took fingerprints at the scene.

Report on power cut

A LOCAL daily reported yesterday that the second investigation committee set up by the Council of Ministers two months ago to study the reasons for the major power cut in December last year has completed its investigations. The report will be submitted to the Council of Ministers this week.

The five-member committee interviewed a number of engineers and technicians at the power stations during their investigations.

The members of the committee are specialised in several scientific majors and belong to different ministries and institutions except the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

Meanwhile, Al Qabas reported that three foreign technical teams arrived in Kuwait during the investigations of the committee. The teams which came from the UK, Sweden and France came to study the direct technical reasons that caused the power failure. They will submit their proposals and studies on the problem to the Council of Ministers in order to take the required action.

Palestinian aid

British charity on fund-raising visit

By Fathima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

DR. SWEE CHAI ANH and Dr Pauline Cutting, the representatives of Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) will arrive on Monday to raise funds for the British charity.

The charity, set up in 1984, caters to the medical needs of refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and the occupied territories. Working closely with the Palestine Red Crescent Society, it assists in reconstructing damaged medical facilities, providing medical staff in clinics and hospitals, supports hospital projects serving refugees and is dedicated to the humanitarian needs of the displaced persons.

Dr Swee, who witnessed the massacre of Palestinians at the Sabra and Shatila camps, has recently published her book 'From Beirut to Jerusalem,' giving a personal account of her experiences in war-torn Lebanon from 1982 to 1988. She also appeared as a witness at the Israeli Kahane Commission in Jerusalem, which was investigating the massacres. In a recently published interview, she explained why she testified.

Dr Swee told a British newspaper: "There is a widespread school of thought among medical people that you should not comment on the political environment. We were in our hospital saving a handful of lives while hundreds were being shot down outside. It would have been wrong of me not to testify, to tell the world what I saw."

Recently, she went to the Gaza Strip to set up the first substantial medical programme for the victims of the intifada (uprising).

Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, is also involved with MAP and worked in Lebanon from 1985 to 1987 at the Bourj el Barajneh camp. In 1986, together with the camp's population, she lived in a state of total siege until her return was negotiated in April 1987. Last year, Dr Pauline's book 'Children of the Siege' became a best-seller and is also said to have contributed much towards the understanding of the Palestinian suffering by the British public.

Their visit to Kuwait has been organised by the Kuwaiti Women's Social and Cultural Society, which has also planned a fund-raising dinner at the Regency Palace Hotel on May 29.

On May 30, Dr Swee and Dr Pauline will give a talk on the present status of refugees in Lebanon and the occupied territories. The talk will be held at the premises of the Kuwait Medical Society.

The British charity is sponsored by noted personalities including Sir Geoffrey Howe, Neil Kinnock and Dame Peggy Ashcroft. MAP has also planned a royal dinner for the children of Palestine on June 7 in London, under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra. A similar dinner held last year raised £50,000 to support MAP's activities.



A scene from the dress rehearsal.

Farce of the year opening tonight

Guaranteed fun

By Archie Gordon
Special to Arab Times

AT the end of what can only be described as a farce of a season by Kuwait Players own standards, their final performance is, fittingly, a farce—in the theatrical sense.

When Did You Last See You Trousers was written by Ray Galton and John Antobus based on a story by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson, writers of many successful British radio and television shows, including the classically funny Steptoe and Son.

Paul Brown, in his first major role as Howard Swerling performed very well in the two rehearsals I saw, but with an audience to react to his lines I am sure he will do even better. He changed with ease into the various facets of the character. Maureen Adams, who plays Penny his secretary/mistress, portrayed the once bitten too often character convincingly, and even in the rehearsal was script perfect.

Kuwait Players production is directed by Mike Johnston who has cast the show unerringly well. Paul Brown does look like a bookie and your fantasies of a Norwegian nympho will become reality when you see Michelle Jeans as Tovi the au pair.

There are lots of other characters as you would expect in a farce, among them, Andrew Maynard as the laid back hippy who lives next door, Mike Roberts as the 'play away from home' home secretary and Robert Puddicombe as the police inspector.

The character however who brings real life to the show in the second act is Mike Robinson as a police constable. His interaction with Paul Brown, who by this time has not only lost his trousers but gained a dress, is very funny, both script wise and acting wise.

It was also nice to see at the rehearsal debriefings that the actors themselves had suggestions as to how their own performances could be improved and this fine tuning can only benefit the audience's enjoyment of the show.

The show opens tonight in the Universal American School and runs until Thursday. It is a very funny show, carried not only by the typical farce mistaken identity scenarios but by a very strong script.

When Did You Last See Your Trousers is the final production of a rather hit and miss theatre season in Kuwait and it will give Kuwait Players the chance to catch up with the other successes of this season, namely KLT's Jack and the Beanstalk, and ACT's When the Wind Blows.

Pilgrims should visit the expatriate labour and Ports Health Centre (in Shuwaikh) in the morning and the following health centres in the evenings (from 5-8 pm) Fahla—Salmiya—Hawalli—Farwaniya—Jahra—Fahlael. All pilgrims must take with them the health card for pilgrims. They must be vaccinated against the disease at least 3 weeks before departure.

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KNOWLEDGE comes, but wisdom lingers—Lord Alfred Tennyson, English poet (1809-1892).

Turkish minority suffers in Bulgaria

THE reports of the international press and media on the deplorable incident which took place in Bulgaria in recent days have constituted a source of grave concern for the Turkish Grand National Assembly.

According to these reports the hunger strikes and innocent demonstrations staged by ethnic Turks, in order to voice their demands for the restoration of their fundamental rights and freedoms which have been usurped since 1984 and the termination of the oppressive practices, have been repressed by the Bulgarian security forces through recourse to inhuman violence and bloodshed.

Some Turks have fallen victim to Bulgarian terror while others have suffered casualties. The Turkish Grand National Assembly, in a statement issued on May 24 said that it shared deeply the sufferings of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria and upheld their cause on behalf of the Turkish nation.

The statement added that the attitude of the Bulgarian authorities, which runs counter to the spirit of our times and the positive international developments, has caused deep indignation.

It is not possible to condone or overlook the recourse to the terror of this magnitude on the eve of the 21st century by a country claiming to be European.

"Bulgaria refuses to allow journalists to cover the serious incident taking place, instructs its state-controlled press not to mention the incidents and maintains its silence in the face of the demand of the international community for information about these grave developments."

"These incidents have once again thrown light on the dimensions of the tragedy of the Turkish minority in Bulgaria in a manner comprehensive for all. Intolerant as she is even of the efforts of the Turkish minority to have its voice heard by the world, Bulgaria must comprehend without delay that she cannot attain results through her policy of oppression."

"If she fails to do so, all countries respectful of human rights must certainly impress upon Bulgaria the fact that it is not possible for a country in Europe to liquidate by force a minority of 1.5 million people."

"The Turkish Grand National Assembly strongly condemned 'Bulgaria's policy of oppression and her crime against humanity,' and appealed to the parliaments of the world 'to call for an end to the Bulgarian atrocities and to support the rightful cause of the Turkish minority by taking action in the face of the screams issuing from Bulgaria.'"

Statement of the spokesman of the State Department of USA on May 24, 1989 regarding the recent events in Bulgaria:

Q: The New York Times has a story today on the recent demonstrations, recent events in Bulgaria. It seems troops opened fire on thousands of ethnic Turks who were demonstrating for their ethnic rights, and supposedly many people were killed and wounded. Do you have any reaction on that?

A: Yes, I do. We deplore Bulgaria's blatant use of force is attempting to silence the long-repressed ethnic Turkish minority. We have repeatedly raised our objections in both bilateral and international fora to the Bulgarian treatment of its ethnic Turkish minority."

Statement issued on May 24, 1989 by US Senator, Democratic, chairman of the congress on European Security and Co-operation Commission and co-chairman, Congressman Hoyer, regarding the reports that members of Bulgaria's Turkish community were fired upon.

"The Helsinki commission is appalled and saddened by reports that members of Bulgaria's Turkish community were fired upon and killed by Bulgarian security forces, while participating in peaceful demonstrations against actions of the Bulgarian government. Such deplorable government behaviour violates international covenants regarding civil and political rights as well as common standards of decency."

"This most recent outbreak of violence fits into a long and brutal pattern of repression by the Bulgarian government which has sought since the 1950s to assimilate the country's Turkish minority. During the 1980s, this forced assimilation programme assumed the form of large-scale human rights abuses as the government strove to eradicate the Turkish minority's Islamic identity and to erase its cultural heritage. The weekend's events are a tragic testament that the Bulgarian government has not been swayed by the world outcry against the assimilation campaign, there is no sign that the government intends to cease its goal of stamping out a national minority."

"The right to assemble freely and engage in the non-violent expression of one's views is enshrined in Article 20 of the universal declaration of human rights. This article states the simple principle that, 'everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.' Bulgaria has willingly agreed to adhere to the universal declaration. Moreover, this past January in Vienna, Bulgaria, along with the 34 other signatory states of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), agreed by consensus to the Vienna concluding document, which affirms the rights of minorities and the right of association."

"The Bulgarian government's cynical and cruel violations of its voluntary obligations have not been ignored by the United States or other members of the world community. During the Vienna CSCE follow-up meeting, the US delegation and others repeatedly addressed the issue of cultural and religious freedom for the Turkish minority in Bulgaria. Last month in London, the United States pressed Bulgaria on the same question during the information forum, a CSCE meeting that examined the status of member states' compliance with the freedom of information provisions of the Helsinki accords."

"On Tuesday, May 30, the first meeting of the conference on the human dimension will convene in Paris. The purpose of the conference, as well as the subsequent meeting in Copenhagen in 1990 and Moscow in 1991, is to accelerate and solidify the human rights progress made during the Vienna follow-up meeting. The United States will publicly call for an accounting from Bulgaria for its violations of its Helsinki obligations and demand that its human rights performance rise to the standards it has willingly accepted."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1533 — England's archbishop Cranmer pronounces Anne Boleyn's marriage to King Henry VIII valid.

1568 — Duke of Alba confiscates properties of William of Orange and other nobles opposing Spanish rule in the Netherlands.

1674 — Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I declares war on France.

1741 — Treaty is signed between Spain and Bavaria to partition Hapsburg lands.

1812 — Russia, by treaty of Bucharest with Turkey, obtains Bessarabia and withdraws demand for Moldavia and Wallachia, and peace enables Tsar to act against Napoleon Bonaparte.

1864 — Austria-Hungary's Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian lands in Vera Cruz, Mexico, to become emperor.

1919 — Armenia declares its independence.

1940 — Belgium capitulates to Germany in World War II — British and French troops begin evacuation from Dunkerque, France.

1961 — Paris-Bucharest Orient Express train makes final trip after 78 years.

1971 — Soviet Union launches spacecraft toward planet Mars.

1974 — Coalition government in Northern Ireland collapses as economy is crippled by extremist Protestant groups strikes.

1976 — United States and Soviet Union sign treaty limiting size of underground nuclear explosions set off for peaceful purposes.

1979 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat announces opening of air corridors between Egypt and Israel.

1984 — Iran's President Ali Khamenei warns Arab states in Gulf area to stay out of Iraq's conflict with Iran or "bear the consequences."

1986 — The world's two most experienced Soviet spacemen take a nearly four-hour walk from their Salyut-7 orbiting station.

1987 — Senior law enforcement officials from nine nations gather in Paris to explore expansion of international co-operation against terrorism.

1988 — Yugoslav government introduces new austerity programme that includes devaluation of dinar and massive price increases.

Aftermath of Arab summit

Egypt unlikely to launch big initiatives

By Myra MacDonald

EGYPT, the only Arab country to make peace with Israel, is back at the heart of Arab politics but diplomats and commentators predict the country will not use its new-found role to launch high-profile initiatives.

The Arab world's most populous country and once the focus of Arab nationalism, Egypt returned to centre-stage at the Arab League at an emergency summit in Casablanca last week after 10 years in the cold.

But President Hosni Mubarak, unlike the late Anwar Sadat who signed the peace treaty with Israel in 1979, is a cautious man.

"To be the party that sets the trend is not a thing Mubarak has done before," Egyptian columnist Mohammed Syed Ahmed said. "I don't see him turning overnight into adopting a strategy of leading everyone."

Mubarak sealed Egypt's return with a keynote address and meetings with President Hafiz Al-Assad of Syria and Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi, vociferous opponents of the peace treaty.

He made Egypt's presence felt, taking a leading role in efforts to rally the summit round PLO leader Yasser Arafat's peace strategy and spearheading a call from Arab moderates for a withdrawal of Syrian and other foreign forces from Lebanon.

But diplomats and Middle East analysts said Egypt was more likely to try to consolidate its new position through quiet diplomacy rather than use it as a platform for high-profile policies.

Syed Ahmed, who writes for the semi-official Al-Ahram newspaper, said events had unfolded more quickly than Egypt had expected.

"It has come Egypt's way a little bit beyond Egypt's expectations. When you have it this way it is not very easy to ride the horse at once," he said.

Egypt, the analysts said, would be unwilling to risk anything which jeopardised the new spirit of

reconciliation, particularly with Syria which, with Libya and Lebanon, has not yet restored diplomatic ties with Cairo.

It also had only limited room for manoeuvre on the two main problems facing the region — the Palestinian question and the Lebanese civil war.

On the first, it has the advantage of speaking to all parties. It has close contacts with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman Yasser Arafat, it is the United States's closest Arab ally and has made peace with Israel.

It has not rejected US favoured plans for elections in the Israeli-occupied territories although it stopped well short of backing Israel's own election proposals, dismissed by the Palestinians as an attempt to appease their 17-month-old uprising.

But diplomats said Egypt's return to mainstream Arab politics could limit its room for manoeuvre. "If there is to be a common Arab position, Egypt might have to be a bit tougher in its attitude to Israel," one Western diplomat said.

Mubarak, as if highlighting this trend, has said there can be no peace as long as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir remains in power.

On Lebanon, Egypt has demanded the withdrawal of all foreign forces, including the estimated 40,000 Syrian troops.

But it cannot be an independent peace-maker there as it is too closely allied to Iraq, which supports the Christian side against the Muslim forces backed by Syria, Baghdad's arch-Arab foe.

Analysts also pointed to one other constraint likely to ensure that Cairo tread carefully. Egypt is burdened by foreign debt and needs to wring money out of its Arab allies.

For most Egyptians, the important question is not whether Cairo will play a new role in Arab politics but whether it will now be given more money in aid. (Cairo).



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

Bhutan quietly easing out of India's shadow

Objective: self-reliance

By Michael Neale

THE ancient Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is quietly easing its way out of the shadow of its giant neighbour India.

As it moves increasingly but cautiously into the modern world, Bhutan's objective is self-reliance.

Bhutanese officials and foreign residents said in recent interviews that Bhutan was pursuing its goal with a combination of strong measures to preserve traditional culture and a gradual expansion of foreign relations.

It is also reducing significantly the number of Indians working in the country.

Under a 1949 treaty with India, which replaced a similar agreement with Britain, New Delhi undertook not to interfere in Bhutan's internal administration while Bhutan agreed to be guided by India in its external relations.

India remains the kingdom's biggest trading partner and aid donor but under 33-year-old King Jigme Singye Wangchuk, Bhutan has steadily diversified to other markets in the Middle East, Singapore and Western Europe. Timber and cardamom are major exports.

Bhutan is treading carefully as it watches similarly landlocked Nepal embroiled in a trade and transit dispute with New Delhi.

Once, 99 per cent of Bhutan's civil servants were expatriates, mainly Indians, according to Dasho Sonam Topgye, secretary of the Royal Civil Service Commission. Today 77 per cent are Bhutanese.

In order to meet an acute shortage and to replace expatriates, the commission is giving priority to training Bhutanese engineers, teachers and doctors, he said.

Hindi, India's main language, was replaced in the 1960s by English as

Bhutan's language of education.

A satellite earth station under construction with Japanese assistance will allow Bhutan to bypass India in its international telecommunications links for the first time.

Bhutan does not trade with China, its neighbour to the north, but hold annual discussions with Peking on the unresolved demarcation of their mountain border.

There is another sign of emerging Bhutanese independence in foreign affairs — Indian officials do not attend the meetings, as they could under the 1949 treaty.

"The demarcation could be solved in half an hour, but the talks with Peking are a convenient opportunity to discuss other subjects," a Western resident said.

"Bhutan is being very careful to remain on good terms with India and to

preserve correct relation with China, and is taking measures to strengthen its national unity," he said.

The other strand of Bhutan's development is the preservation of its culture, in which the state religion, a branch of Mahayana Buddhism, plays a central role.

Under a new decree, all 1.3 million Bhutanese must wear national dress in public or risk a fine or one week in jail.

Since most Bhutanese men always wear the kha, a robe hitched up by a sash at the waist, and women the ankle-length kira, the decree is essentially symbolic.

The government has imposed restrictions to prevent what officials see as the ravages tourism has inflicted on Nepal.

"The doubling to \$250 of the daily minimum charge for each tourist has reduced the flow of overseas visitors to 2,000 a year, but more could be on the way."

The national airline Druk-Air has

opened a route to Bangkok with its new and only jet aircraft. All other tourists arrive via India.

Managing director Ugyen Namgye said he was discussing with Thai and Nepali airlines plans to introduce a "three kingdoms" package that could increase the number of tourists to Bhutan to 4,000-5,000 a year.

With a per capita gross national product of \$160 a year, Bhutan, which is about the size of Switzerland, is classified by the United States as one of the world's poorest countries.

The figure is misleading because Bhutan's predominantly agricultural economy is largely unmonetised. Virtually every Bhutanese family owns land and produce is bartered. No beggars are to be seen.

"Gross national happiness is more important to us than GNP," said Finance Ministry official Chambula Dorji.

Intellectuals fear reprisals in China

By Guy Dinmore

CHINESE intellectuals fear purge and reprisals as Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang fails to survive a dramatic end-game against his one-time ally, veteran Deng Xiaoping.

The odds seemed stacked against Zhao the reformist last week when Deng's partner, Premier Li Peng, appeared on state television for the first time in five days, smiling and relaxed.

"China's government is stable," said Li.

The 61-year-old engineer declared martial law in Peking last Saturday to put down a nationwide anti-government revolt which began with a few students five weeks ago but quickly engulfed the country.

The standard-bearer of our reform and open-door policy is comrade Deng Xiaoping — and no one else," Li said in a scarcely-veiled attack on Zhao.

A Western diplomat said: "Deng is the one driving the hardline approach. The decision to push martial law came from him. He has been active in co-ordinating military commanders."

Chinese journalists and intellectuals normally happy to be interviewed by their Western colleagues backed away, some clearly terrified, when it seemed Zhao was losing.

Safe

"It's not safe to speak on the phone," one said simply. Chinese sources spoke of unconfirmed accounts that China's hardline faction headed by Deng had drawn up a list of more than 100 people to be arrested or dismissed.

Among the leading names were Defence Minister Qin Jiwei who was reported to have opposed the use of martial law, and leading dissident scientist Fang Lizhi and his wife Li Shuxian.

Deng had Fang expelled from the Communist Party in 1987, accusing him of fuelling student protests which led to the downfall of party leader Hu Yaobang, a serious blow for China's reform-minded intellectuals.

Also high on the list of people labelled 'black hands' was Bao Tong, the head of Zhao's political reform think-tank which Chinese sources said had been branded a reactionary organisation.

Feared

Intellectuals feared that Zhao might be succeeded by 65-year-old politburo member Qiao Shi who is known as the party's policeman for his control over the security forces.

A report from the official New China News Agency indicated that one of Zhao's main supporters, the chairman of the National People's Congress Wan Li, was out of action after arriving home on Thursday from a curtailed visit to the United States.

The 73-year-old Wan, a keen tennis player, was staying in Shanghai for medical treatment, the report said. The agency did not disclose details of his condition.

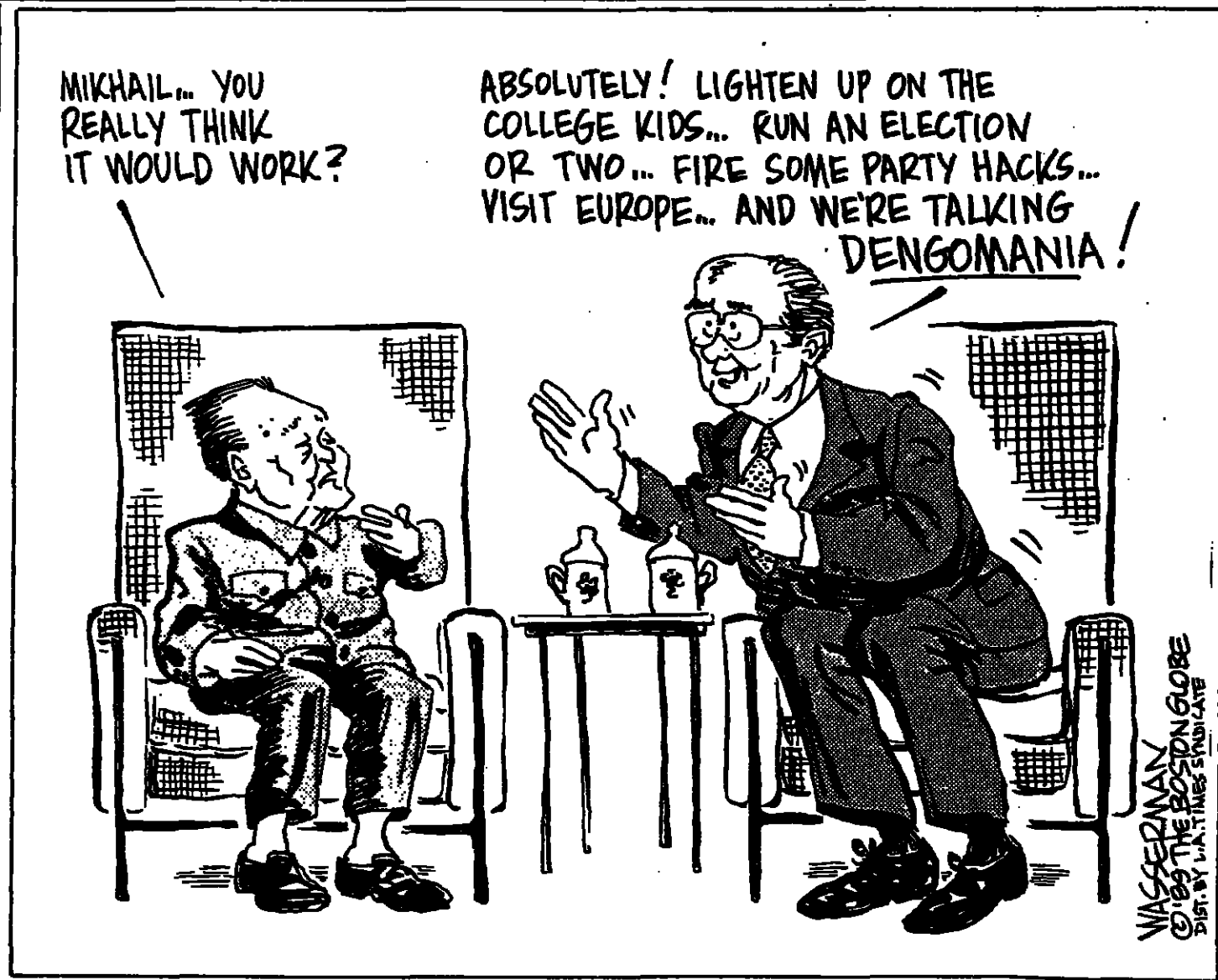
Diplomats in the city were sceptical that Wan was ill. "It looks like one of those Chinese political diseases," one commented. "It's a mess. You basically have a paralysed leadership," a diplomat in Beijing summed up.

But Chinese journalists said that, unlike in the 1950s and 1960s when thousands of intellectuals were purged, the thinkers of today were part of a mass anti-government movement uniting people from all walks of life who were tired of corruption, bureaucracy and dictatorial overlord.

"Perhaps this movement will protect us. We will need it," said a Chinese journalist who had earlier penned reports sympathetic to the pro-democracy students but was later silenced by martial law restrictions.

Some diplomats predicted Deng would have to sacrifice Premier Li in an attempt to defuse the protests which the sacking of Zhao may create. Vice-premier Yao Yilin, a cautious reformist, was tipped as a possible successor to Li.

(Reuters — Beijing).



Solidarity with students in Beijing

Political consciousness in Hong Kong

By Chris Peterson

WHATEVER the outcome of Beijing turmoil, Hong Kong's Chinese people seem to have found a political identity that could mean profound changes for the colony ahead of the 1997 handover to China.

"In a sense, Hong Kong has become more Chinese," wrote political commentator Frank Ching in Friday's South China Morning Post.

Analysts say last Sunday's demonstration on Hong Kong island, which attracted a million people chanting in support of Beijing's students and against hardline premier Li Peng, revealed a political consciousness that had not been seen

before.

"I think it all came together then, and the proof has been that the momentum has gathered pace during the week. There have been people outside Xinhua (China's official News Agency and its de facto embassy here) non-stop ever since," a Western diplomat said.

In addition various pressure groups organised a number of rallies over the weekend and all police leave was cancelled.

"All this means Hong Kong's people have pressed for greater autonomy in the future," said Broadfoot, adding that newly formed Hong Kong groups might try to talk directly with the Chinese government.

"They want to establish a dialogue. If they don't get it together, they are eventually going to vote with their feet," he added.

"It's now a question of which will be the greater force in Hong Kong — those running away or those protesting," he added.

More than 45,000 of Hong Kong's six million people emigrated in 1988 and almost as many were expected to leave this year according to official forecasts made before the present unrest in China.

Hong Kong is due to revert to Chinese sovereignty under a 1984 joint declaration by London and Beijing. China has pledged to maintain its capitalist

structure and lifestyle for 50 years.

Ching said that if China's political landscape changed, it might be necessary to renegotiate the 1984 agreement.

The Western diplomat said Hong Kong's government should bring a greater degree of democracy to the colony sooner rather than later.

There are no directly elected members in Hong Kong's legislative council, which debates policy and approves public finance. But earlier this week legislators decided to push for 50 per cent of the legislature to be directly elected by 1997, with all members being popularly chosen by 2003. (Reuters — Hong Kong).

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Non-Kuwaiti price index surges

Kuwait market turns mixed as indices dip

THE Alshall Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 37.90 points with a decrease of 0.03 point — 0.08 per cent — from last week's average. The Alshall Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 67.43 points with an increase of 0.41 point — 0.60 per cent — for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 23.84 million shares at a daily average of 4.77 million shares with a decrease of 33 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 7.09 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 7.29 million shares at a daily average of 1.46 million shares with a decrease of 33 per cent from last week's daily average of 2.17 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD8.34 million at a daily average of KD1.67 million, a decrease of 25 per cent from last week's daily average of KD2.14 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.328 million at a daily average of KD0.066 million, a decrease of 14 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.077 million.

The market showed signs of mixed performance — price, volume, value — were weak, while in the non-Kuwaiti shares market the price index rose compared to last week's and both value and volume indices fell.

The market continues to be in a partially inactive state, mainly because investors have no incentives. Listed companies are not showing favourable performance levels and speculation is risky in a market which is not growing.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 70 per cent of total trading against 45 per cent last week.

The Gulf Bank had the lead at 27 per cent followed by the Commercial Bank at 24 per cent and the National Bank of Kuwait at 13 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 12 per cent of which Kuwait Pearl Investment led at 38 per cent followed by Kuwait Investment Projects at 33 per cent, and National Investments at 26 per cent.

Third came the services sector at 10 per cent of total market trading of which Kuwait Commercial Markets led at 52 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 46 per cent, and Public Warehousing at 2 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, General Arabian Investment (SHUAA) led at 33 per cent followed by Bahrain and Middle East Bank at 18 per cent and Coast Investment and Development Company at 16 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 24/05/89	Wednesday 17/05/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
The National Bank	110.06	110.06	—
The Gulf Bank	32.36	32.36	—
The Commercial Bank	23.27	23.71	-0.44
Al Ahli Bank	31.79	31.79	—
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.50	30.03	0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	29.14	29.14	—
Burgan Bank	27.06	27.75	-0.69

Kuwait Finance House	78.27	77.45	0.82
Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	17.45	17.45	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	12.03	12.03	—
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	69.05	69.84	-0.79
IFA	31.62	31.62	—
Commercial Facilities			
National Investments	115.50	115.50	—
Kuwait Investment Proj.	64.71	63.73	-0.98
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	93.26	91.01	2.25
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	33.08	32.87	0.22
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	34.09	34.09	—
United Realty	25.38	27.69	-2.31
National Real Estate	48.80	47.74	1.06
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	62.71	58.42	4.30
Refrigeration Indust.	35.73	35.93	-0.20
Gulf Cables	16.57	16.57	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	6.14	6.25	-0.11
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	35.83	35.83	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	13.56	13.62	-0.06
Public Warehousing Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	84.55	83.45	1.10
Mobile Telephone Syst.	110.87	110.87	—
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	78.22	78.22	—
United Fisheries	30.53	30.48	0.07
Overall Index			
Kuwait	162.00	162.00	—
Non-Kuwaiti	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	69.70	70.71	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	36.83	37.29	-0.46
Mobile Telephone Syst.	290.48	285.71	4.76
Overall Index	55.68	55.46	0.23

Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 24/05/89	Wednesday 17/05/89	Change points
Banking Sector			
First Gulf Bank	144.74	144.74	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	88.28	86.90	1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	91.12	89.22	1.90
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	77.14	0.95
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	47.73	47.73	—
Umm Al Quain Cement	14.63	18.00	-3.37
Gulf Medical Projects	20.52	20.52	—
Total Index	67.43	67.03	0.41

—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Kinnock row with BBC leaked to UK newspaper

LONDON, May 27, (Reuters): The transcript of an embarrassing row between Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock and a radio journalist during which both swore and blasphemed was leaked to a London newspaper yesterday.

The Evening Standard said Kinnock told BBC interviewer James Naughtie that the Conservative government had "buggered up the economy" and that he wouldn't tolerate "a bloody lecture" on the subject.

The dispute arose on Thursday when Kinnock was recording comments on trade figures for the British Broadcasting Corporation's "World at One" news programme.

His remarks were cut out of the broadcast version of the interview but Naughtie told listeners that Kinnock, who is known for his short temper, had "objected to the line of questioning".

The BBC refused to release an official transcript but corporation sources said the Evening Standard account was accurate.

Kinnock became angry when Naughtie pressed him four times to say what a Labour government would do about Britain's April trade deficit of £1.66 billion (\$2.7 billion).

"For Christ's sake, we are the opposition and they are the government," Kinnock snapped. "They have cocked it up totally and I am not going to sit here and be quizzed on the alternatives."

He added: "He (Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson) has buggered it up totally, blown away £100 billion (\$160 billion) worth of oil revenues."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher later taunted Kinnock in Parliament, telling him: "Clearly, the right honourable gentleman could never take a place at this (the government's) dispatch box because he'd object to the line of questioning."

Kinnock aides stressed that he had not used any four letter words during the exchanges.

Press reports said some BBC executives wanted to broadcast the row but were overruled.

Newspapers which support the government seized on the incident to recall previous Kinnock gaffes.

Sheikh Ali back home

KUWAIT, May 27, (KUNA): Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa returned home last night following a three-nation tour that included the United States, Venezuela and Ecuador.

Sheikh Ali also visited the United States and met with senior officials at the American administration, and US Secretary of Energy.

He also delivered a lecture on oil policy in the Arabian Gulf at American Foreign Relations Society.

Easier credit policy from Fed

Wall Street's hope for summer

NEW YORK, May 27, (AP): Hopes are spreading on Wall Street that investors will get invited to a financial party this summer catered by the Federal Reserve.

The festivities would have a simple theme: lower interest rates and higher stock prices, courtesy of an easier credit policy from the Fed.

Talk of such a celebration has been increasing for some time now, ever since signs began to show up that the economy was beginning to slow.

Inflation, the target of the Fed's long credit-tightening campaign from early 1988 through the first couple of months of this year hasn't been quite so co-operative.

To judge from the latest readings, it's still running at a 5 per cent to 6 per cent annual rate that government officials, and a good many other observers, consider troublesome.

But optimists in the financial world still seem willing to bet that a slower pace of business will sooner or later ease upward pressure on the cost of living.

Conjecture about a change of course at the Fed also has been fanned lately by the sharp rise of the dollar in foreign exchange.

Presumably, a sustained advance in the dollar would be unwelcome in policymaking circles, because it would threaten to reverse the difficult progress that has been made toward shrinking the nation's trade deficit.

So far, efforts to keep the dollar stable have consisted mainly of intervention by the Fed and other banks in the foreign exchange markets.

If that proves insufficient, the reasoning goes, the Fed might want to lower interest rates in this country to reduce the flow of international funds into dollars.

For the moment, the dollar's

strength seems to have worked in the US markets' favour.

"Whether this marks a major turn in the dollar remains to be seen," said Martin Zweig in his investment advisory letter the Zweig Forecast.

"However, in recent days there has been a sharp pickup in foreign demand for US stocks as those abroad fear they may miss the boat on the dollar."

The 6-month-old rally in stock prices levelled off in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had climbed 119.14 points over the two preceding weeks, slipped back 7.33 to 2,493.77.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index edged up .39 to 179.31; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market rose 3.16 to 445.21, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value index was up 1.18 at 355.01.

Strategy committee to meet

Experts study 19.7m BPD output ceiling

CARACAS, May 27, (Reuters): OPEC technical experts now meeting in Vienna are studying two possible output ceilings, one of about 19.7 million barrels per day and another of more than 20 million BPD, Venezuela's Energy and Mines Minister Celestino Armas said yesterday.

Speaking after an extraordinary assembly of the state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA), Armas said Venezuela had not yet decided whether to support a production increase at the June 5 OPEC ministerial conference in Vienna.

Armas said Venezuelan technical experts attending meetings at the OPEC secretariat in Vienna had told him there were two theses about raising output above the current 18.5 million BPD.

"One thesis is to increase (production) by around a million barrels, to bring the ceiling to about 19.7 million BPD, and another group has the thesis of going a little beyond 20 million BPD," Armas said.

"But this is still at the level of the OPEC economy committee. We'll await their final report before we make a decision," he said.

Armas said he would travel in a few days to Vienna to attend the meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' market monitoring and long-term strategy committee, which is scheduled to meet from June 2-4.

Armas said the eight-member experts committee would evaluate the behaviour of the world oil market during the first half of 1989.

"I am very hopeful that we will arrive at new understandings with which all the (OPEC) countries can comply, which will allow us to assure market stability and the strengthening of prices," Armas said.

Meanwhile, OPEC conference president Ali Al-Hajj Al-Sabab said he has praised the "refreshing new approach" by industrialised countries towards oil producers since 1986, saying they had moved from "confrontation to co-operation".

Lukman was receiving an honorary fellowship of the Institute of Mining and Metals, in recognition of his "contributions to the minerals and petroleum industries internationally and to the institution."

Such co-operation, he stressed, was necessary not only to assure revenue for producers, but also to stabilise the oil market and ensure a viable source of energy for all.

Lukman also retained his position as the institute's council member for Nigeria for the 1989-90 session.

Speaking after the award, which was made by the institute's outgoing president, Dr Roy Bichan, the minister praised the institute's work in helping developing countries attain "economic sustenance" from their mineral resources.

Lukman is also a fellow of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, and a fellow of the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society. Last month, he was made a Knight of the British Empire (KBE) by the Queen.

Young arrives for trade talks

KUWAIT, May 27, (KUNA): British Minister of State for Trade and Industry Affairs Lord Young of Graffham and accompanying delegation arrived here today on a three-day official visit to Kuwait.

Young is scheduled to meet on Monday with HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

The British minister is also expected to confer with Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi, Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi, his Kuwaiti counterpart Faisal Abdel Razzak Al Khalid.

He will also meet with the British businessmen in Kuwait.

On Tuesday, the British guest is due to exchange views with the president of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdel Aziz Hamad Al Saquer and will hold a press conference.

Saudi riyal rates firm

KD deposits steady

KUWAIT, May 27, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were mostly steady today in a market subdued by the European weekend, dealers said.

The Central Bank invited bids for a new 120 million dinar (\$415 million) issue of 91-day treasury bills for next Wednesday, but the announcement had no immediate effect on rates.

Of the issue, 100 million dinars (\$345 million) will roll over maturing bills while the other 20 million (\$70 million) represent new government borrowing.

Overnight deposits traded at nine per cent compared to 9-1/2 on Thursday, the Gulf's last trading day. Tomorrow-next, spot-

next and one-week were steady at around 10 pence.

The fixed periods were also little changed. One month was quoted at 9-1/2 pence, three months at 9-3/8 pence and six months and one year at 9-1/4 pence. But little trade was reported.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposit rates displayed a firmer tone today in response to tight liquidity and firmer dollar interest rates.

Dealers said trade was thin in a normal trend for the European weekend, focussing on short-dated funds as operators covered positions.

The spot riyal was steady at 3.7503/06 to the dollar.

Occidental to resume oil production

LOS ANGELES, May 27, (UPI): Occidental Petroleum Corp. will resume oil production in June at the company's Claymore and Scapa fields in the North Sea, Armand Hammer, chairman and chief executive officer, said today.

Production at the fields stopped in July 1988 following an explosion on Occidental's Piper platform. Claymore and Scapa will again produce 100,000 barrels daily, Hammer said.

Hammer made the announcement at the company's annual

meeting in Los Angeles.

During an hour-long address at the meeting, Hammer said he expects oil prices to rise because of a trend toward less domestic production. "With the rise in prices that has already started, Occidentals is in a position to benefit," he said.

Hammer said Occidental's oil and gas division will receive \$560 million of the \$1.3 billion of the company's 1989 capital spending. The company also plans 43 exploratory wells in 1989. Hammer said.

Institutions urged to seek stable returns

Strategies needed to offset investment risks

By Jadranka Porter

Arab Times staff

GOVERNOR of the Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah yesterday cautioned banks and investment firms against excessive speculation and prescribed adherence to stringent controls in their dealings in capital and foreign exchange markets.

These institutions, he said, should seek stable returns by following strategies used to offset investment risks.

Sheikh Salem also censured financial institutions which intensified their foreign activity because of what they perceive as limited possibilities for achieving good returns in the Kuwaiti market.

"These institutions should seriously seek domestic investment avenues, not only as a contribution to national development in Kuwait, but also with a view to long-term returns," Sheikh Salem told a seminar sponsored by the Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East, and Shearson Lehman Hutton, a New York-based investment bank.

His speech to about 100 Kuwaiti bankers summed up the major features of Kuwait's foreign investment policy which



Sheikh Salem

hinges on diversification and pursuit of stable and long-term returns.

But his address also implied that Kuwaiti financial institutions lack strict control systems and place more emphasis on speculative deals than the Central Bank would like.

Speaking on the ways to safeguard Kuwaiti investments the governor called for distribution of investments among different countries, currencies and industries.

"Any positions and exposures taken by these institutions regarding securities, commodities and foreign exchange should be in the

context of hedging operations," he warned.

Sheikh Salem stressed that financial institutions should avoid overtrading in securities and that all speculation should be strictly within prescribed limits.

He urged banks and investment firms to apply stringent standards of solvency, profitability and liquidity, effective internal control and conservative accounting measures to calculate profits and losses.

In view of greater capital mobility and the vulnerability of national economies to external shocks, Sheikh Salem called for more stringent supervision of international markets and consistent evaluation of monetary policies in major countries.

Banks should be sure of the solvency of their partners and issue mandatory periodic reports of their own transactions, he said.

Recognising the speculative nature of options and forward contracts he said exposure to these contracts should be related to the cash positions of the institutions dealing in them.

"Positions taken in the forward contracts should reflect their (financial institutions) ability to settle their contractual obligations," he stressed.

SLH keen to expand ties with Mideast

Al Badr stresses strategic planning

KUWAIT, May 27, (KUNA): Delivering the symposium's opening statement, chairman and managing director of Bank of Kuwait and Middle East (BKME), Ali Rashid Al Badr, said the Kuwait economy was and will continue to be based on achieving the best investment of the country's wealth and funds, depending mainly on the preparation of qualified, capable and trained cadres to manage this important pillar of the development plan.

Since the early '70s, the efforts have been intensified in co-ordination with the public and private financial institutions to reinforce this significant objective.

The training course represents

just another pace on the long path of development, Al Badr added.

In a rapidly changing world and amid the vast economic movements, strategic planning is gaining increasing significant dimensions, he pointed out.

The managing director, Hanz George Hoffman of Shearson Lehman Hutton said that however his firm has an immense capital of over \$3 billion and enjoy major presence throughout the world's market, this must go hand-in-hand with allocating this resource among "our various business segments to guarantee success."

Hoffman said that being in Kuwait provides his company with a "golden opportunity to

serve interested investors in the Middle East, not only via its offices in London and New York, but also local headquarters in Dubai and Bahrain.

He added that during the past two years, Shearson Lehman has built stronger ties with leading Middle Eastern institutions.

"We hope to cement and further enhance our relationships in the region and remain committed to providing the highest quality services available in our industry."

The SLH managing director indicated that the institution's business activities include investment, merchant banking, asset management, real estate finance, sales and trading and research in both fixed income.



Jassem Al Khorafi

Kuwait and Morocco sign trade accord

CASABLANCA, May 27, (KUNA): Kuwait and Morocco signed an agreement on economic, commercial and technical co-operation between the two countries, it was announced here today.

An official statement said this agreement was concluded to replace the one signed in 1972 in order to cope with the development of bilateral economic relations.

The new accord includes articles on encouraging and guaranteeing investments and laid down wide-ranging basis for joint ventures.

The agreement also encourages trade exchange between the two countries and formed a joint committee that meets in Kuwait and Rabat annually to follow up implementation of the accord and to deal with any obstacles or disputes that might arise.

The agreement was signed by Kuwait's Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi and his Moroccan counterpart Mohammed Barrada.

Meanwhile, Finance Undersecretary Abdul Muisin Al Humai returned home last night after attending the fifth meeting of the follow-up committee, an affiliate of the permanent committee of economic and trade co-operation of the Organisation of Islamic Conference that was held in Istanbul on May 23-25.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 27/05/1989				
B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
1	Trade Nomad	Algh. Barwili	4843988	
3	Amara	Al Sawan	4746018	
4	Sea Gilder	M. Bahar	2433881	
5	Fatima	ISA	2441860	
9	Hyundai	Gh. Qutub	4347815	
18	Brava	ISA	2441860	
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT				
ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.	
27/5	Tadeusz Ocioszynski	A. Seas	2421303	
27/5	Ever Order	Salmia Mari.	4745471	
27/5	Ever Orient	Salmia Mari	4745471	
27/5	Sea Star	Sh. Shaheen	2432692	
27/5	Planeta	ISA	2441860	
27/5	Ledenice	Mohd. Bahar	2433881	

American consumer spending shoots up

WASHINGTON, May 27. (AP) US consumer spending shot up 1.1 per cent in April, the biggest advance in nearly a year, outpacing a 0.4 per cent increase in personal income, the government reported yesterday.

Consumer spending is closely watched as an indicator of the economy's health because it accounts for two-thirds of overall economic activity.

The rebound in spending last month was partly attributed to a rise in auto sales, which perked up somewhat in April after car-makers launched a round of rebates and cut-rate financing deals to lure customers back.

The combination of a strong spending increase and the sluggish income gain produced a sharp reduction in the personal savings rate, which dropped to 5.3 per cent last month from a three-year high of 6.3 per cent during the previous month, the Commerce Department said.

The April increase in personal income was the smallest gain since income fell 0.2 per cent last November. Personal income had risen a strong 0.8 per cent in March and 1.0 per cent in February.

Last month's increase in personal income, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$4.37 trillion, would have been stronger were it not for decreases in farm subsidies over the past two months, coupled with bonuses for autoworkers and retroactive social security benefit payments that inflated March's figure.

Excluding those special factors, personal income advanced a strong 0.8 per cent in April after rising 0.7 per cent in March.

The 1.1 per cent increase in personal consumer expenditures, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$3.42 trillion, was the biggest advance since a 1.3 per cent increase was registered last June.

Expenditures had risen just 0.3 per cent in March and 0.4 per cent in February, causing analysts to attribute part of the current slowdown in economic growth to slackening consumer spending.

The pickup in auto sales was the primary power behind a 3.2 per cent increase last month in consumer spending on durable goods — "big ticket" items expected to last at least three years.

Spending on durable goods last month rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$467.1 trillion after declining during the previous two months, when auto sales had been weak.

Copenhagen proposes tax reforms

COPENHAGEN, May 27. (Reuters) Prime Minister Poul Schluter yesterday unveiled proposals for a major reform of Denmark's tax and social security system but the opposition condemned the plan as socially unjust and economically useless.

Schluter said he planned some 40 billion crowns (\$5.3 billion) a year in tax cuts and would finance this through higher payments from those who use social services, eliminating some tax deductions and various new charges.

But Social Democrat leader Svend Auken, whose party is the biggest in parliament, said the proposals "lacked any sense of social justice," and would enrich one-fifth of the population at the expense of the rest.

His remarks raised the prospect of a stormy autumn in Danish politics, as the minority centre-right government can only pass legislation with the help of opposition legislators.

Schluter's proposals were the first major attempt to cut Denmark's high taxes and trim the generous welfare state on which Danes pride themselves, and had not been expected to emerge without some concessions in wrangling later this year.

Schluter said the reforms would improve Denmark's industrial competitiveness and enable it to meet the challenges of the EEC single market planned for 1992.

But Auken said they contained no concrete measures which could help Denmark's economic problems — high unemployment, a huge foreign debt, and inadequate competitiveness with foreign producers.

Danes pay the highest personal income taxes in the European Economic Community, and these, along with the 50 per cent corporate tax rate, were major targets of the government's planned cuts.

Company taxes would drop to 35 per cent, and income taxes to between 45 and 52 per cent, Schluter said.

Occupancy rate down, says Beijing hotel manager

Foreign businesses dig in as political struggle rages

BEIJING, May 27. (AP) Some families have been evacuated and children kept out of school, but foreign businesses are digging in for the duration of China's current political crisis.

Massive popular resistance to the declaration of martial law in Beijing has disrupted work in many offices and sparked fears that the pro-democracy student demonstrations, so far peaceful, could turn violent.

The prices on the jittery Hong Kong stock market have plunged because of concern the civil unrest will spread, and there has been a sharp drop in visits by foreign tourists and businessmen.

But foreign companies in Beijing are sticking it out on the premise that it will be business as usual once the political dust settles. "People don't think it makes sense to pull out," said one American businessman.

One Western diplomat noted that the power struggle apparently being won by political hardliners determined to crush the democratic movement "has had no impact on economic reform policy. The rhetoric remains the same."

Backing that up is the fact that senior leader Deng Xiaoping seems solidly in control. Deng is a political conservative believed to have ordered a crackdown

on the students, but he is also committed to furthering his 10-year policy of introducing market principles to the economy and opening to the outside world.

Janet Shanberge of Kamsky Associates, a New York-based consulting firm, said an economic retrenchment policy adopted last year is of more concern to foreign businessmen than the demonstrations.

Her firm is advising foreign clients that the movement is pro-Western and pro-democratic, and that optimistically it could move China a step closer to longer-term stability.

But foreigners have taken some precautions to protect families from possible violence. Many companies, such as IBM China Corporation and Bechtel China, have given foreign employees the option to evacuate their families or take early home leaves.

Larry Amsden of Hewlett-Packard said about half the families of its 35 expatriates in Beijing and Shanghai have left China.

The Beijing International School for English-speaking foreign children and other foreign schools were closed for up to a week as hundreds of thousands

took to the streets to block troops from entering the city. They have since reopened.

One Japanese trading company after martial law was declared on May 20 ordered all wives to stay in their apartment complexes and notify a group leader if they had to go out. Their husbands went to work as usual.

The manager of a leading Beijing hotel said the occupancy rate was down 40 per cent because of cancelled tour groups and the departure of businessmen who found their Chinese counterparts were too preoccupied to talk to them.

"The first to get scared were the Americans and Japanese," he said of the businessmen. "They left some time ago."

The China International Travel Service said that in the first four days after martial law was declared it received notices of 100 cancelled tours involving 1,310 people.

Some foreigners said they were having difficulty convincing their headquarters that there has been no anti-foreign elements in the demonstrations and they are in no imminent danger.

\$4.08 billion IMF loan for Mexico

Debt reduction plan

WASHINGTON, May 27. (Reuters) The International Monetary Fund said yesterday it had approved a roughly \$4.08 billion loan package to Mexico, the Third World's second-largest debtor.

Of the total, \$3.5 billion will be available over the next three years as an extended credit, while some \$570 million can be drawn immediately to compensate for a shortfall of exports and an excess of cereal imports in 1988.

Following guidelines laid down on Tuesday by the IMF's board to implement Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's plan to slash Third World debt, Mexico may use 30 per cent of the extended credit to reduce its commercial bank debt.

The IMF loan is the third based on the Brady plan, unveiled in March, which emphasises debt reduction rather than fresh lending to spur economic growth in developing countries.

On Wednesday, the fund announced loans of \$1.17 billion to the Philippines and \$52 million to Costa Rica.

Mexico could reduce debt either by buying back loans directly from banks at a discount or exchanging them for new, less expensive bonds backed by US government securities.

Mexico would purchase the securities with the loans it receives from the IMF and World Bank. In addition, interest payments on the new

bonds, would be effectively guaranteed for a limited time by the lending agencies.

Mexico, which agreed to the extended fund facility loan in early April, may also borrow up to 40 per cent of its quota in the fund to support interest payments, the IMF said.

Mexico's quota, or capital subscription, is \$1.46 billion, making the package worth \$584 million.

The fund approved the Mexican package as chief debt negotiator Angel Gurría resumed talks with bank creditors in New York. The loan should pave the way for a rescheduling of Mexico's official debts with Western creditors next Monday.



US Trade Representative Carla Hills cites a variety of countries such as Brazil, India and Japan for unfair trade practice. (Reuters wirephoto)

US strike

Trade move hits the mark

WASHINGTON, May 27. (Reuters) The US strike at Japan, Brazil and India for unfair trade hit the mark, analysts said, but a key test will come later when Washington decides whether to slap trade sanctions on the countries it singled out.

One trade analyst said the three nations would probably offer minimal reform concessions in response to Washington's complaints. This would enable US Trade Representative Carla Hills to hold off on sanctions and tell Congress "we didn't get what we wanted, but we got something."

And, said Stephen D. Cohen, an American university economist, any sanctions that are imposed "may well be token."

While not disputing that the US action could increase friction between Washington and Tokyo, fears that Washington's public condemnation of Japan would spark a damaging trade war were generally discounted by trade specialists.

"I simply don't believe you have to treat Japan with kid gloves or you start a trade war," said Cohen.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, when asked if the decision would hurt relations with Japan, said, "It will have an effect on our relations. It's going to be an effort that we're going to have to both co-operate in."

Cohen and other trade specialists said the US decision to hold talks with Japan on broader economic issues such as restrictive distribution practices was almost as vital a step in trying to end the massive US trade deficit with Japan as was the official labelling of Japan as an unfair trader.

Said Howard Lewis, a trade specialist at the National Association of Manufacturers: "We see these talks as important as naming Japan (an unfair trader)."

On Thursday Hills cited Japan for its closed markets to supercomputers, satellites and wood products, India for excluding foreign investments and insurance and Brazil for onerous import licensing practices.

Acting under the new 1988 trade law, Hills is to open talks with the three to prod open their markets and if they do not respond in 18 months she can impose sanctions, which could be tariffs of up to 100 per cent on their exports.

US economy slows

Japanese consumer spending up

THE dollar came off from its highs achieved in the previous week on the basis of technical correction and expectations of and rises in interest rates elsewhere, according to NBK weekly market review.

In addition increasing evidence that the economy is slowing as given by the GNP and durable goods figures, suggested that Federal Reserve policy could be relaxed for the future.

Considerable central bank intervention, led by the Federal Reserve particularly towards the latter part of the week succeeded in pushing the dollar back below the psychologically important DM2.00 level.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.965 and Yen 140.2.

Durable orders rose a much higher than forecast 2.9 per cent in April following a revised 1 per cent increase in March and a 3.4 per cent fall in February. This was the biggest monthly increase since December when orders rose 7.4 per cent.

Durable shipments increased 2.3 per cent in April compared with 0.4 per cent and 2.1 per cent declines in March and February respectively. This was considerably higher than the 0.5 per cent rise anticipated.

Real GNP rose a downwardly revised 4.3 per cent in the first quarter following a 2.4 per cent increase in the fourth quarter. This was lower than the expected 5.2 per cent rise.

A consolidation phase, with next week's rise in interest rates in Japan expected, and the Bundesbank anticipated to follow, a

further correction to the dollar's recent gains is forecast.

Nevertheless, the dollar looks reasonably well supported by continued institutional and corporate inflows. Perceived investment opportunities elsewhere are currently diminished by the political crisis in Japan and the disquiet in West Germany.

Economic trends in the US are also being reassessed. Earlier concerns that the economy could be heading for a hard landing of much lower growth without a simultaneous reduction to inflation have been replaced by a more optimistic view of moderately lower activity with inflation under control.

The market will await Friday's employment numbers which although anticipated to be higher than the previous month's, are unlikely to significantly alter sentiment.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.94-2.01 and Yen 138-143.

Sterling came under attack this week both against a strong dollar falling 1.30 cents to \$1.5675 (the lowest closing level against the \$ since August 1987) but more importantly weakened on the crosses to DM3.14.

Despite indications that UK economic activity could be slowing with inflationary trends at 8 per cent and above, sterling weakness will exacerbate conditions and hence the 1 per cent increase in the base rate to 14 per cent this week was implemented in defence of sterling.

Sterling finished the week at DM3.156 and £/\$1.605.

Last week's trade numbers indicate a possible annual current account deficit of £18 billion compared to a budget forecast of £14.5 billion, which represents in excess of 4 per cent of GNP. The UK's competitiveness has been eroded by sterling's strength, high labour costs and rising inflation.

"We continue to maintain that a currency which has become increasingly sensitive to interest rates remains vulnerable on the downside to an expanded current account deficit and rising prices. Although, a further base rate hike should not be ruled out to defend sterling, the currency could still come under attack," the report added.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM13.13-17 and £/\$1.57-1.62.

West German producer prices increased 0.5 per cent in April from March and 3.5 per cent from a year providing a focus for fears of accelerating inflation.

With the hike in UK and Swiss interest rates and the likelihood of a rise in the Japanese discount rate on Tuesday, it is anticipated that the Bundesbank will have little alternative but to raise their key lending rates in line with the international trend.

Japanese consumer spending rose by a much higher than expected 6.3 per cent in March from a year earlier. This was the sharpest increase for 14 years and was attributed by a buying surge ahead of the 3 per cent consumption tax which was introduced in April.



Argentine President Raul Alfonsín (left) embraces new economy minister Jesus Rodriguez during the swearing-in ceremony of the new cabinet at the Government House in Buenos Aires on Friday. Alfonsín, beset by hyperinflation and a wave of supermarket looting, swore in new ministers to carry out an emergency plan to prop up the country's battered economy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rodriguez 'will not solve Argentina's problems'

Alfonsín to launch economy of war

BUENOS AIRES, May 27. (Reuters) The appointment of a 33-year-old legislator as Argentina's economy minister has been condemned by financial experts who say he will be unable to pull the country out of its chronic economic crisis.

The unexpected naming of Jesus Rodriguez, head of the lower house Budget and Treasury Committee since 1985, also exposed the political isolation of President Raul Alfonsín, who after a two-day search had to settle for one of the "young Turks" who helped him win the presidency in 1983.

"One cannot get out of hyperinflation without credibility. You overcome it with political and economic power and Rodriguez lacks it," Enrique Szewach, chief economist of the Latin American Economic Investigations Foundation, told Reuters.

"The situation has not changed one iota with Rodriguez's appointment and won't change soon," said Osvaldo Cornejo, president of Came, a small- and medium-sized business chamber which has said that retail sales fell

70 per cent during May. The experts said they doubted whether Rodriguez would be able to rein in runaway inflation that private economists forecast will top 50 per cent during May alone.

"Alfonsín's move to put a man with no credibility within the markets at the helm of the Economy Ministry at this crucial time is a negative view of a solution," the influential business daily *Ambito Financiero* said.

Alfonsín had promised to launch an "economy of war" to contain prices after his offer to step down before his term ends on December 10 was turned down on Tuesday by president-elect Carlos Menem.

Rodriguez is expected to announce a new economic plan tomorrow.

Since Tuesday Alfonsín looked within and outside his party for a candidate to stabilise the chaotic economy, which, coupled with political uncer-

tainty over the long transition period, spurred interest rates over 300 per cent a month and caused the Argentine currency, the austral, to lose half its value against the US dollar in last week's trading.

His efforts were fruitless because most of the men he consulted demanded a freer economy than the Radicals were willing to back, party sources said.

Alfonsín finally settled for a fellow Social Democrat with a following among the Radical Party youth and a reputation as a hard-nosed negotiator acknowledged by political opponents.

Government sources, who asked not to be identified, said the measures Rodriguez would most probably carry out involved exchange rate controls to shore up the austral, tax increases and cuts in tax breaks and export incentives for industries.

A similar set of measures were rejected on Tuesday by Menem, who said Peronism would not endorse a programme which was "patently against the people."

Economic reform seen accelerating in Taiwan

TAIPEI, May 27. (Reuters) With the resignation of Prime Minister Yu Kuo-Hwa and his ally at the Central Bank, Taiwan has lost the two main pillars of the conservative economic establishment that has held power since 1949.

Bankers and economists predict a gradual acceleration of reforms designed to loosen the grip of the nationalist government over the island's purse-strings.

"This will mark a start of cautious changes in our economic and monetary policies," said Hou Chia-Chi, professor of economics at Soochow University.

Lee Huan, the popular secretary-general of the Nationalist Party, was nominated on

Wednesday to succeed Yu as premier. At the same time, Samuel Hsieh was nominated to replace Chang Chi-Cheng as Central Bank governor.

The two men take office as Taiwan's economy is being swamped by idle cash that has fuelled a speculative frenzy in the stock and property markets and threatens inflation.

Economists have long argued that the government must rapidly open financial markets and loosen banking controls to allow new channels of investment and release mounting inflationary pressures.

Both Yu and Chang came to Taiwan from China with the defeated nationalist govern-

ment in 1949 and share the reluctance of ruling Chinese mainlanders to hand financial control to the native Taiwanese majority.

"There's a phobia about opening capital markets," said Danny Chang, director of Fidelity Investments in Taiwan. "They (the nationalists) think: 'We lost China because we lost control of the financial system.'"

Under Yu's premiership, the government eased foreign exchange controls but money stayed in Taiwan to take advantage of currency appreciation and is now swirling around in an unregulated underground economy.

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.14	2.20
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.11	2.10
ARAB BANK	147.5	149.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.51	4.51
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.80	1.71
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.05
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.67	0.66
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.06	1.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.16	1.16
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BAK	2.30	2.37
ARAB PHARM. COM/TRA	0.33	0.35
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	3.35	3.52
ARAB PHARM. CHEM	1.34	1.40
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.40	15.50
BEIT AL-NAL/BEITNA	1.10	1.08
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.50
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.36	0.34
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.47	2.49
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.81	0.81
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF.	4.60	4.60
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING.	2.10	2.10
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.75	0.74
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BAK	1.65	1.67
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	1.74	1.78
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERNED/PETRI/CH	2.19	2.21
J. TOUR-SM COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.00	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.10	2.08
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.49	1.49
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.02	1.06
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.54	2.58
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.18	0.18
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.45	2.45
JOR PAPER CARDBOARD	3.67	3.70
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.90
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.24	2.23
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.02	1.05
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.20	2.19
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.46	2.45
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60	4.65
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
JOR. PETROLEUM REF	7.79	7.77
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	2.58	2.57
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.35
JORDAN DAIY	1.10	1.11
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.24	1.19
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.29	3.30
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	1.95	1.98
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40	1.42
JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.06

KUWAIT

	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
BANK SECTOR						
-NATIONAL BANK	0.970	0.960	0.980	0.960	875000	44
-GULF BANK	0.365	0.365	0.365	0.360	360000	8
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.265	0.265	0.265	0.265	800000	27
-AHLI BANK	0.315	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-B.K.M.E.	0.325	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.R.E.B.	0.345	0.340	0.345	0.340	139729	4
-BURJAN BANK	0.265	0.260	0.265	0.260	350000	16
-K.F.HOUSE	0.475	0.475	0.480	0.475	390000	16
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KUT INV. CO.	0.095	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.I.I.C.	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	80000	1
-COM.FACILITIES	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	20000	2
-AHLIAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-I.F.A.	0.043	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.087	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-NATIONAL INV.	0.066	0.066	0.066	0.066	40000	1
-KUT PROJECTS.	0.083	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KUT INSURANCE	0.570	0.570	0.570	0.570	108911	5
-GULF INSURANCE	0.330	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.480	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-HARBA INS. CO.	0.365	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KWT R.E.ST. CO.	0.130	0.130	0.132	0.130	320000	9
-UNI R.E.ST. CO.	0.055	0.055	0.055	0.055	80000	2
-N.H.R.E.S.T. CO.	0.180	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-SALIHAN R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.300	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-REF. IND. CO.	0.385	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-N.A.M.N.T.CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF CABLE	0.980	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.PH.IND. CO.	0.116	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-CONT.MARINE	0.280	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.SH.SERV.CO	0.045	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.W.C. CO.	0.180	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.138	0.138	0.138	0.138	20000	1
-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-MOBILE TELE.	0.305	0.305	0.305	0.305	150000	8
-KWT COMPUTER	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNITD FISHERIES	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNITD POULTRY	0.230	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT FOODS	0.290	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
HOTEL-REST.						
-BHN.INTER.BK	0.063	0.064	0.064	0.064	240000	2
-BHN.M.EAST.BK	0.047	0.048	0.048	0.048	720000	5
-COAST INVEST.	0.081	0.082	0.082	0.082	360000	4
-A.G.IV.GROP.	0.032	0.031	0.031	0.031	1620000	3
-FIRST.GULF BK	0.550	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-BNN.KUM.GROP	0.078	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF MEDICAL	0.032	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-GULF INTL. INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-ARAB INT CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-SHARJAH INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF UNION INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-R.K.WHITE CMNT	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-AJMAN CEMENT.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
-B-FUJAIRAH CENT	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.070	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.E.JABAL	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----



Piano concert at Kuwait Sheraton

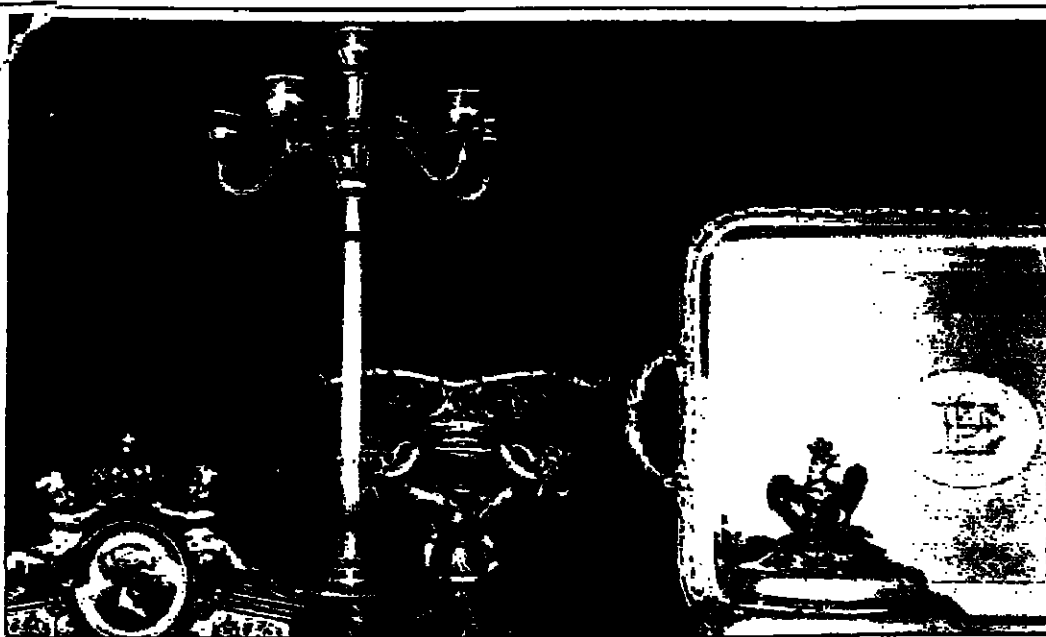
TURKISH pianist Arian Karamursel gives her first piano concert at the Kuwait Sheraton in co-operation with the Turkish embassy on June 7, at the Ballroom 'A'.

She was born in Istanbul and has given recitals and concerts with orchestras in Turkey, France, England, Soviet Union, Cuba, Mexico, Japan, Luxembourg and Finland. Her 15 concerts in Mexico within the framework of International Servantino Festival and her recital in Cuba were highly praised and thus she gained wide recognition. For reservations, please contact 2422055 ext. 104/107/109.



Bulgarian exhibition

An exhibition of photography by Bulgarian artists went on show at Boushan Gallery. The exhibition was opened under the patronage of Ahmed Yousef Behbehani, chairman of the Kuwait Journalists Association. Bulgarian Ambassador Angel Mantchev hosted the diplomats and Kuwaiti officials who attended the opening. The exhibition continues daily from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 - 8.30 pm, until May 30. Pictures show: (Above) Mantchev (right) with Behbehani; (left) one of the pictures on show.



Bouilhet-Christoffe Museum

The Bouilhet-Christoffe Museum in Paris, located in an aristocratic town house built in the 18th century, houses a wide selection of artefacts. More than 300 exhibits cover the 150 years of history, art, fashion and vogue, including design, techniques and precious metals and a treasure trove of styles typical of the historical taste of the 19th century. These include exhibits produced by Christoffe over the past 150 years or more. Above (L-R) The Second Empire (1848-1879) exhibits, gilt medallion, cutlery ordered by Napoleon III; neo-Greek candelabra, fruit bowl; grooved dish cover, and an Imperial mark engraved on a serving dish.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Beetle Juice
Al Salamiya
Booked for Arabic play
Al Hasna Wa Wahoush

Al Hamra
Arabic Film
Drive-in
Arabic Film

Al Firdous
Zulum Ko Jala Doonga
Starring: Naseruddin Shah,
Vasant Sena, Suparna Anand

Fahsheel Open Air
Mela

Fahsheel
Karate Girls

Jahra
Clerk
Granada
Andha Yuddh
Salaibikaht
Cry Freedom
Al Jeeb
Kudumba Purnam
Ahmadi Drive-In
Nadine

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A scene from Best Seller 'Lonesome Dove' on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm today.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Jaber Al Mubarak St., Bah-
bahani Building
Loola Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St., Near
Dasman Complex
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Ekhas Pharmacy
Nagra, Beirut St., opposite Al
Andalus Cinema
Salmiya and Rumaythiya
Al Shafa' Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.,
Hmood Al Enizi Complex
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Ahmadi Pharmacy
Al Ahmadi, Al Ahmadi
Market
Jaleeb Al Shiyoukh
Al Salama Pharmacy
Main St., Plot No. 2
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Al Mafati St.



A scene from Arabian Nights

Messiah Beach Hotel's Al Jawhara Nightclub recently recreated a scene from the Arabian Nights. More than a hundred guests enjoyed story-telling, poetry reading, breakdancing and Oriental dancing amid incense, and subdued lighting. The twenty winners of the costume parade, including the six top winners, were awarded prizes for the best costumes. The only damper was the deficient sound system, which prevented the best and full presentation of the live entertainment programme. Pictures show a lineup of some of the winners and performers.



WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

MUSIC

Musical evening
JUNE 9: Octave presents a grand musical evening comprising hit songs from Hindi, Malayalam and Tamil films, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funaitees at 6.30 pm.

FILMS

Kuwait Players
May 28 - June 1 (7.30 pm): Kuwait Players will present the last production of the season, a comedy entitled When Did You Last See Your Trouser, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets - KD3. For reservations call 5637086; 5629875.

Konkani Drama
JUNE 15/16 (4.00 pm): Nashibacho Divo Paloulo, the MAR production's Konkani drama, directed by Prem Kumar, to be staged at the

Indian Arts Circle. For entry passes contact Raja Stores, tel: 2412970.

SOCIAL

Charity Dinner
MAY 29: A fund-raising dinner for refugees in Lebanon will be held for the British charity, MAP, at the Regency Palace Hotel. It has been organised by the Kuwait Women's Cultural Society. For reservations contact the hotel.

Bangladeshi get-together
BANGLADESHI Engineers and architects in Kuwait will hold a get-together at the Hotel Plaza Ballroom on June 15 from 7.30 pm onwards. For details contact 4317145, 4718157 or 3713923.

Seminar
MAY 30: A seminar on the refugee problems will be held by Dr Pauline Cutting and Dr Swee, who will be in Kuwait to raise funds for refugees in Lebanon, at the Kuwait Medical Society.

Sultan Gallery
UPTO May 31: Exhibition of painting of the papyrus by Egyptian artist Adam Henein. Opening hours 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the Thumayan Alghanim Building, Soor Street.

Kuwait-Weish Society
MAY 31: The annual general meeting of the society will be held on Wednesday at 8 pm. For details call 391-2384; 372-9132; 371-3467; 562-5316.

Meeting
JUNE 11: The organisational meeting for a new Scuba Diving Club will be held at 7 pm at the Qabazard Marine Company, Hamad Al Mubarak St. Salmiya. Election of officers of new club; new members welcome. Tel: 5746579 for further details.

Fiesta Filipina

JUNE 16: The Filipino Cultural Club will hold "Fiesta Filipina" to commemorate the 91st anniversary of the Philippine Republic on June 12. The show will give a glimpse of the Filipino heritage through songs and music. The show will be held at the Meridian Hotel, Al Jahra Ballroom. Highlights of the evening are an on-the-spot painting competition; lucky draw and exhibition. Show plus dinner buffet costs KD 5 per person. For reservations contact the Philippine Embassy; Mabuhay Restaurant; the Philippine Gift Shop and Rainbow Restaurant (Fahsheel).

Get-together
JUNE 16: The Go-Go Club will be having a get-together at the Ramada Al Salem Hotel from 11 am onwards with Stepping Stones and Symphony in attendance. For details contact Raju 2412970 and Tony 2631826 after 3.30 pm.

Contact
JUNE 23: The ladies information group, Contact, will hold its next meeting on Saturday, from 10 am, at the Messiah Beach Hotel. For details call 3720197; 4874513; 5388105.

HOTELS

At the Plaza
MARCO POLO: the Italian restaurant in Kuwait featuring authentic Italian dishes exclusively designed to create the real Italian atmosphere. A celebration dinner menu a la carte. Be entertained by the most celebrated duo in town, Stan and Alice.

Noura Terrace: A sumptuous barbeque in the open air with traditional Arabic music every Thursday. Enjoy hubble bubble with backgammon every evening. Unique surroundings, waterfalls and green scenery with Lebanese

mezzah.

Louisa Corner: Open all day long featuring delights of real Arabic icecream, jumbo size sandwiches, juices, light meals and a special business lunch for KD2 only. Live Arabic music.

Al Dallah: Coffeshop offers delicious Arabic dishes with continental cuisine. Salad and sweets buffet. A la carte menu for lunch and dinner. Enjoy our variety of food with live music by the famous Arabic oud player Fawzi Jamal.

At the Ramada Hotel
EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte menu available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

Marina take away counter offering a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks open from 4 pm till 11 pm daily.

Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

Le Mirage nightclub: Thursday night barbeque, full buffet and entertainment.

On Friday, family brunch introducing cartoon characters ship discovery and clown show.

At the Meridian
Hotel Meridian Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico' Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek

ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a Friday with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of oriental favourites along with live music entertainment plus a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the Kuwait International
GARDEN POOL: Kubli Khan Mongolian barbeque every Friday afternoon. Mix and match your lunch while it is prepared according to your palate. Ext 8006.

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ext 8166.

La Patisserie: Serves continental breakfast and afternoon tea. Kiwi Cake is the cake of the week. Pianist in the evenings. Ext 8014.

Hungarian festival: From May 28 - June 1. Kitchen brigade from Budapest. Live entertainment by Gypsy Band and dancers. Tickets on sale at: 2530000/8039/8040.

Piano and Flute Concert: June 3: Pianist Michael Beisenhirtz and flutist Ulrike Beisenhirtz are having a concert at the Terrace Room of the Kuwait International Hotel at 8.00 pm. KD3.000 per person. Reservations at: 2530000 ext 8039/8040.

SPORTS
Swimming classes
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KTV 1

MORNING
9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Cartoons
9.45 Magazine D'Actualite
10.00 Yaseen Wa Bahiya:
Arabic Serial (Part 1-4)
11.00 Al Ein: Arabic Serial
(Part 1). Starring:
Abdullah Malek, Saad
Al Jassaf, and Badriya
Ibrahim

12.15 That's Incredible:
Foreign Programme
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran and
Closedown

EVENING
4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 The World News via
Satellite
4.45 Sherlock Holmes: Car-
toon Serial

5.15 Tun Tar Wa El Aftal:
Local Children Pro-
gramme
5.30 Laila Min Alf Laila
Wa Laila: Cultural
Programme

6.00 Qanadeel Shabiya:
Historical Serial
7.30 Varieties
7.45 Diwanayat Shura' Al
Nabat

8.30 Local News
9.00 News in Arabic

9.45 Layali Al Hilmiya:
Daily Arabic Serial
(Part 16)
10.45 Late Night variety
(Sahra Munawwarah),
presented by Fatma
Abdul Wahab,
prepared by Oqsem
Abdul Qader. Show
guest Rabab

12.00 News Summary
12.05 The World News via
Satellite
12.15 Holy Quran and
Closedown

KTV 2
6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dennis the Menace:
Cartoon Serial
6.30 Scientific Eye: "What
is Life." A look at
evolution of life on
earth

7.00 In the Wild: "A Key to
Survival." A look at
how man and beast
survive in the harsh
climate of the Aus-
tralian outback.

7.30 Sea Hunt: "Toxic
Waste." The sea has
been turned into a
dumping ground; rais-
ing fears of pollution.
Dr Mike investigates.
Part 2.

8.00 News in English
8.40 Murder, She Wrote!
"Mr. Henry's Vac-
ation." Two men are
murdered in a motel
and Jessica is asked to
help solve the crime.
Starring: Angela Lan-
sbury.

9.30 Nature Watch:
"Shrike." A look at
the shrike, an Asian
bird, and its natural
habitat and migratory
habits.

10.00 You Can't Take It
With You: "Educat-
ing Essie." Jealousy is
the cause of many a
trouble and Morgan
tries to help his grand-
daughter overcome it.

10.30 Best-Seller: "Lon-
esome Dove." Part 4.
In an episode entitled
"Return," you'll see
how a gorilla of
Indians attack Guss
and Beth.

12.00 News Summary/ Ma-
gazine D'Actualite/
Closedown.

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

EBC World Services

0000 Newstalk
30 Composer of the Month (ex
23rd A Midsummer Night's
Dream)

0100 News Summary (ex 23rd) fol-
lowed by Play of the Week: 2nd
and 9th Body and Soul; 16th
A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A
Midsummer Night's Dream

0200 World News
0230 British Press Review
15 The Girl in His Past (ex 2nd
The Picture of Dorian Gray)

0300 World News
0330 World News
15 From Our Own Correspon-
dent

0400 Newstalk
45 Book Choice
45 Worldbrief
0500 World News
0530 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary

30 Financial Review
40 Words of Faith
45 Letter from America
0600 Newstalk
30 Jazz for the Asking

0700 World News
0730 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary

30 From Our Own Correspon-
dent
45 Book Choice
45 Waveguide

0800 World News
0830 Words of Faith
15 The Pleasure of Yours

0900 World News
0930 British Press Review
15 Nature Now
30 Financial Review
39 Book Choice
45 Short Story

1000 News Summary followed by
Science in Action
30 In Praise of God

1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspon-
dent

30 Composer of the Month (ex
23rd) A Midsummer Night's
Dream
1200 News Summary (ex 23rd) fol-
lowed by Play of the Week: 2nd
and 9th Body and Soul; 16th
A Pair of Spectacles; 23rd A
Midsummer Night's Dream

1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 Sports Roundup
45 Worldbrief
1400 News Summary followed by
leadership and leadership
30 Anything Goes

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.17 am
Zuhr 11.45
Asr 3.20 pm
Maghreb 6.41
Isha 8.10

Urdu

1500 Newstalk
15 Concert Hall (ex 9th Sports-
world)

1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Russia - The Drive to
Empire

45 Letter from America
1700 World News
09 Book Choice
15 In Praise of God (ex 2nd and
9th Jazz for the Asking)

45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newstalk
30 2nd and 9th in Praise of God;
16th and 30th Composer of
the Month; 23rd A Midsummer
Night's Dream

1900 News Summary (ex 23rd) fol-
lowed by Play of the Week (ex
2nd and 9th Here's Humph!)
16th A Pair of Spectacles;
23rd A Midsummer Night's
Dream

15 The Will Tell
2000 World News
09 Worldbrief
25 Words of Faith
30 My Music

2100 News Summary followed by
Sports Roundup
15 The Pleasure of Yours
2200 Newstalk

1900 Opening
1910 Behtreen Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ek Khatay Ek Geet
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Greet Kabani
2100 Closedown



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SNIPPETS

QUEZON CITY: A British national of Indian descent was arrested by Makati police at the Manila Garden Hotel because of a P100,000 estafa case filed against him and his wife.

Sanjay Jaymat Kothari, 39, of 46-A Calamba St., La Loma, Quezon City, was arrested based on a warrant of arrest issued on Oct. 24, 1987 by Judge Omar Amin of the Makati regional trial court.

Kothari's wife Carmella Reyes of Amsterdam Townhouse, Amsterdam St., Merville Subdivision, Paranaque, was named respondent in an estafa case filed by businessman Benjamin Aprieto.

Kothari allegedly convinced Aprieto that he could help Aprieto in his need for international financing.

Kothari reportedly told Aprieto that he could work out the early approval of a loan Aprieto applied for in exchange for P100,000.

Kothari posted a P10,000 cash bond for his temporary freedom hours after he was arrested by Cpt. Narciso Sayson of the Makati Police. Sani Daleño

PASAY CITY: An unidentified man shot dead by an auto mechanic in Pasay City.

Jose Galay, 35, of 2215 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City, died from a gunshot wound in the back and in the right knee.

Neighbours told *People's Journal* that at the height of typhoon Bining, the gunman knocked at Galay's house at about 9.15 pm.

Witnesses said they saw Galay went out of his house and he and the man walked toward Williams St.

Minutes later, Galay came rushing back to his house but fell to the ground before reaching it. He had been shot. SD

MAKATI: A FIRE broke out in a Makati neighbourhood and destroyed some P11 million worth of properties hours after typhoon Bining died down.

Makati arson investigation said the fire started at the corner of Sanitlan and Pasong Tamo Streets, in Barangay Pio del Pilar.

Strong winds caused the fire to spread quickly to nearby houses. The fire was placed under control at 5.39 am.

Authorities said at least 12 houses and three commercial establishments were destroyed completely. An explosion was heard before the fire broke out, arson investigators said.

No one was reported injured. Sani Daleño

HAGONOY: A woman owner of a store in the Hagonoy, Bulacan public market was robbed of P300,000 cash and jewellery by four men.

Police identified the victims as Zenaida Reyes of Hagonoy. She told police that the suspects entered her store while she was attending to customers outside the store.

When she re-entered the store, her bag containing P100,000 and assorted jewellery worth P200,000 were missing from her table. RMR

MINDANAO: Constabulary authorities announced that they had announced for two of the 10 most wanted persons in Southwestern Mindanao.

A report to PC chief Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano said one was killed and the other was captured in separate encounters with soldiers.

Region 9 PC Commander Col. Roger Deina informed Montano that Christian "Sonny" Poculan, wanted for double murder and robbery in band, was arrested by soldiers of the Zamboanga del Norte PC Command last May 17 in Rizal town.

Poculan is a primary suspect in the killing of ex-Mayor Rodolfo Yap of Balangao, Misamis Occidental, and has a P60,000 reward for his capture.

He is the son of a former mayor of the town who is also being hunted for rape and murder case.

Deina also told Montano that a Mujahid Irejani, a notorious pirate operating off the coast of Zamboanga del Norte and Sur, was killed in a firefight with troops of the regional command. Alex Allan

MANILA: A carnap suspect who claimed he was tortured by Manila policemen to admit his participation in the carnap of a passenger jeepney last April 25 in Sampaloc, Manila was positively identified in a police lineup yesterday by the driver of the missing vehicle.

Cesareo Veroya, 27, of Barangay Sampaga, Balayan, Batangas, was identified by driver Angelito Abregante, 30, of Malinta, Valenzuela as one of four men who took his jeepney with plate no. PGV-723 on the night of April 25, said WPD investigation division chief Lt. Col. Aladdin Dimagmaliw.

A witness and friend of Veroya's, Lito Cunanan, 35, of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, also pointed to him as one of the men who fetched him aboza Abregante's jeepney in Novaliches.

Cunanan identified Veroya's companions as Efren Abaday, Bobby Climaco and a certain Eddie.

Abregante told Dimagmaliw that the four men boarded his jeepney on Leonor Rivera St. On Dimasalang St., Veroya drew a gun and announced the carnap.

Abregante said he was brought to the South Expressway. R. Kahalugan

KALOOKAN: A one-hour fire razed residential houses in Kalookan City at dawn yesterday despite the heavy rains brought by typhoon Bining.

Arson investigators said the fire started at the second floor of the house owned by a certain Edwin Escudera on Gen. Valdez St., Maypajo. Some P1.7 million worth of properties were damaged by the fire, they added.

Meanwhile, Kalookan City police chief Col. Angel Quizon yesterday reshuffled his men "to effectively serve the city residents."

He designated Maj. Eddie Santos as the new investigation division chief, replacing Maj. Florencio Sanchez who was assigned to the office of the station commander.

Santos' deputy is Lt. Jake de Leon who was plucked from the Biglang awa sub-station.

Anti-Narcotics division chief Capt. Benjamin Dimasano was transferred to the Bagong Barrio police sub-station and Lt. Boy Angeles was appointed office-in-charge of the Narcotics division. Oscar de los Reyes

DAPITAN CITY: Police men in two patrol jeeps were blamed causing the death of a man who had a heart attack because the policemen did not give way to the motorcycle rushing the man to the hospital here last week Friday.

Luciano Tuballa, 22, of Colon Extension, Dumaguete City, died on arrival at Rizal Memorial Hospital.

Tuballa had just disembarked from the boat he took from Dumaguete when he fainted.

Bystanders and a tricycle driver rushed him to the hospital but the two patrol jeeps coming from the opposite direction of the one-lane on the 800-metre Polo Bridge delayed them.

The tricycle driver who asked not to be identified said he pleaded with the policemen to allow them to cross the bridge first.

The policemen, however, ordered the tricycle driver to back off, said witnesses.

While the two police jeeps were trying to pass, Tuballa was still breathing, the tricycle driver claimed.

Dipolog INP station commander Lt. Col. Roberto Encabo said the policemen were from Sibutad and Don Sergio Osmeña towns in Zamboanga del Norte.

The policemen were on their way home from a three-day seminar in Dipolog, Encabo said. Prax Castilang

A MAN arrested last week in San Jose del Monte Bulacan for carrying an unlicensed gun turned out to be a member of a seven-man holdup gang headed by former Manila policeman.

Mario Bagual, 36, native of Catbalogan, Samar, was arrested by PC soldiers in his hideout in Barangay Sta. Cruz, San Jose del Monte, Bulacan when they saw him carrying a .38 revolver.

During investigation, Bagual told investigators that he was a member of a gang of holdup men led by a former Manila policeman he identified as Pat Tony Ventura.

The other members of the gang, Bagual said, are Boy Torres of Balintawak, Quezon City; Alex Bangot of Alabang, Muntinlupa; Julio Ng of Sapang Palay; Bondying Pabilane, of Barangay Sta. Cruz; and Alex Present of Sapang Palay, all in San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

Bagual told 145th PC company commanding officer Capt. Victor Manansala that all of them are armed with .38 revolvers.

He said their gang robbed a grocery store in Sta. Cruz, Manila of some \$16,000 in February and more recently in a Alabang, Muntinlupa and a house in Barangay San Pedro, San Jose del Monte of P18,000. Rod Reyes

Congress investigates land scandal

Heads must roll

OPPOSITION congressmen yesterday demanded the suspension of Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico while Congress continued its investigation into the multimillion-dollar overpricing of 1,899 hectares of land in Garchitorena, Camarines Sur.

Describing the aborted transaction as "the latest and gravest scandal in the administration," House Minority Floor Leader Rodolfo Albano (KBL, Isabela) said records of the deal should be "sealed" by either the "National Bureau of Investigation or the Commission of Audit."

Also at the House Rep. Edcel Lagman (LDP, Albay), chairman of the committee on agrarian reform, said "heads must roll" as Congress goes deeper in its investigation of the Garchitorena case.

But Lagman, who described the controversial deal as "a big swindle," said he was convinced Juico was "not directly involved." Juico might not have been aware of the transaction since documents have been suppressed by his men," Lagman said.

However, he added, Juico would be asked to explain his department's system of appraisal and valuation of lands covered by the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme (CARP) when the Senate-House joint committee on agrarian reform resumes its investigation next week.

At the Senate, Sen. John Osmena asked the committee on agrarian reform to submit a report on all lands acquired by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) under CARP.

Osmena said it was necessary to make the records on DAR transactions public so that the government may be cleared of any suspicion of "anomaly in the implementation of CARP."

The controversial transaction involves the overvaluation by the DAR of a vast tract of cogonal land in a rebel-infested area in Garchitorena. The estate was foreclosed from the family of the once politically powerful Alberto family by the United Coconut Planters Bank, which sold it in April last year for P3.8 million to Sharp Marketing International



Juico

resumes its investigation next week.

A day after the story was published in the *INQUIRER*, Juico said he had asked the NBI to investigate the case. But this was denied the following day by NBI Director J. Antonio Carpio.

Albano said Juico should either go on leave or be suspended while the case is being investigated to ensure its speedy and fair resolution.

He said that while the sale of the Garchitorena estate was aborted, "Juico should at least be technically aware of the overvalued land since all the documents were submitted (to him)."

Drop in debt papers

Demand for junk bonds

By Oscar Quiambao

THE discount on Philippine debt papers in the secondary market has dropped abruptly resulting in an increase in their face value from 38 cents to 48 cents to the dollar, Social Security System Administrator Jose L. Cuisia has disclosed.

At the same time, Cuisia who is a member of the debt negotiating panel and the debt council, confirmed an Inquirer story (May 1, 1989) that the advisory committee has questioned the financing package presented by the panel to the group in their New York meeting last month.

Cuisia explained that the drop in the discount from 62 per cent to 52 per cent may be due to positioning among banks in anticipation of the implementation of the debt reduction facility (DRF).

Another cause is believed to be the fact that banks have stopped dumping the papers after the advisory committee representing the creditor banks fully accounted for the share of the lenders in new money to the Philippines.

The date for any amount a bank will provide will be pegged on a designated percentage reflecting its outstanding exposure as of Dec 30, 1988.

The discounts rose to as high as 64 per cent a few weeks ago as banks which no longer wanted to lend or wanted to reduce their exposure dumped the notes.

With the creation of the DRF, demand for the "junk bond" is expected to shoot up, a condition that will make it expensive for the government to retire part of its \$28 billion foreign obligations.

Cuisia said that Manila really needs new money, which according to government calculations, amounts to \$1.7 billion in the next two years. He said the amount should be in cold cash or in other forms that would reduce the shortfall.

However, the package somehow precluded such need as the proposal rolled into the amount a new money and the DRF.

Cuisia said the banks questioned the proposal because it indicated that the country does not really need the money as constantly advertised.

The DRF is supposed to be a trust fund that will buy debt papers in the market with funds coming from the banks.

The government is still to set guidelines to the effect that banks which will participate in the facility will have to infuse twice or thrice the amount they are supposed to provide in new financing.

The debt papers to be bought by the trustee, which will possibly be the World Bank, will not be considered retired or extinguished until after the government has paid the amount the banks collectively provided to finance the debt paper acquisition. Payments are expected in four to seven years.

There is no way the debt servicing burden will ease during the period as the government will continue to service the supposed to be retired debt with the amount accruing to the trust to pay the DRF capital.

Tropical storm Bening

By Omar M. Acosta

SEARCHERS yesterday rescued 21 more survivors from the two cargo vessels which sank at the height of tropical storm "Bening" early this week. But 14 persons have been confirmed dead while 54 others remain missing.

As this developed, the Coast Guard station in Legaspi City reported that a motor boat carrying at least 11 passengers sank off Masbate island, while another, the *m/b Maria*, with 30 persons aboard disappeared while en route to Albay from Catanduanes.

Officials said the fatalities were all passengers of *m/b Albert*, which allegedly left Catanduanes despite a "hold order" by the Coast Guard on all vessels in the area.

The vessel sank near Caramoran island in Catanduanes last Tuesday.

Six of those killed in the *Albert* sinking were identified as Gaudencio de la Cruz, Juan Castor, Jose Zuniga, Irwin de los Reyes, Adela de la Rosa and a six-month old Marites de Leos.

Meanwhile, search and rescue operations have been launched for the missing passengers and crew of *m/b Mary Jones* which capsized after

Philis.

Sharp, which has a paid up capital of P15,000 offered the land for coverage under CARP, and the DAR Bicol office headed by Jose Llamas appraised it at P62.2 million. This appraisal was raised to P67 million by a DAR bureau, but a review committee restored the amount to P62.2 million.

In December last year, Juico approved the transaction and signed an order of payment for P62.2 million, but the Land Bank refused to pay, since bank officials knew the property was overpriced.

A priest reportedly told President Aquino about the deal at the urgings of a top Land Bank official, and she ordered its cancellation. Juico then rescinded his order of payment.

He said that while the sale of the Garchitorena estate was aborted, "Juico should at least be technically aware of the overvalued land since all the documents were submitted (to him)."



King of the road

Who said jeepneys are kings of the road? This man proves they aren't as he does his thing in a manhole mindless of vehicles going past him on Moriones Street in Tondo.

Top cops linked to illegal transactions

CONSTABULARY and Integrated National Police authorities have ordered "quiet" investigation into the alleged involvement of ranking Manila policemen in various illegal transactions and anomalies, the Inquirer learned yesterday.

A probe team from the Metropolitan Police Force (MPF) is conducting an investigation, prompted by a letter from disgruntled police officers and sent to Maj. Gen. Ramon E. Montano, PC-INP chief, exposing the alleged irregularities at the Western Police District.

The letter, which accused three WPD officials of "running the police district Mafia-style," was signed by a group claiming to be members of the Reform the Police Movement (RPM). It was circulated in Camp Crame and copies were sent to reporters covering the defence beat.

However, an officer of the 3,000-strong association of WPD non-commissioned officers, debunked the RPM letter as merely "propaganda material of those PC officers who favour the merging of PC and local police into one Philippine National Police (PNP), and to get its top position."

The letter said the three police officers, are involved in various criminal activities such as smuggling, robbery and illegal foreign exchange transactions among others.

The members of the RPM did not provide evidence to back up their charges but said: "We are bringing this information to your attention so that covert investigation could be conducted and proper action be taken."

Sgt Jack Roxas, president of the Manila's Finest Brotherhood Association, denied the RPM's allegation saying, "the more than 3,000 members of MFBA will never allow anybody, not even their superiors, to run WPD like Mafia-style."

"Gawa lang iyan ng mga taong malinggit, mga wala sa sarili at Montano

may masyadong mataas na ambisyon," Roxas told the Inquirer.

Roxas also said that the letter is only a "poison letter" which is not even signed.

"It was done by a non-existing group composed mostly of ambitious PC officers who are not even brave enough to come out into open to discuss the PNP issue," Roxas said.

The RPM asked the PC-INP authorities to "please save WPD and the good men in the ranks while it is still worth saving and remedial action could be taken to stem the tide of graft and corruption in the police district."

The Inquirer is withholding the names of the WPD officers pending the result of the investigation.

"We hope and pray that you will exert efforts to put back some decency and Christian values into the WPD. Never in the history of our police district has there been so many crimes committed by our fellow police officers," the letter said.

Earlier, the PC enlisted personnel expressed support and solidarity with the RPM.

M/Sgt Alfredo Fabros, PC command sergeant major, said the aims of the RPM "closely mirror" the aspirations of the PC rank and file and their counterparts in the police service.

Police officers who were identified by the victim before he died at the Metropolitan Hospital.

Lim identified the assailants only as a certain "Danny" and one alias "Ramil Rodriguez". Police said the two robbers, believed to be high on drugs, escaped with some P70,000 cash and other valuables.

John Chua, owner of the three-storey residential apartment where the victim was renting a room, told Capt. Gene Javier, chief of the homicide section, that he opened his window on the second floor after he heard several gunshots. He added that he saw two men hurriedly went out of the room. (Vic Vega)

No wedding bells for AIDS patients

A BILL seeking to stop those afflicted with the dreaded Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) from getting married and at the same time to make the disease, along with other sexually transmissible diseases, as grounds for legal separation has been filed before the Senate.

Senate Bill 1123, sponsored by Senator Leticia Ramos-Shahani, makes it mandatory for a person to present under oath a statement by a licensed medical practitioner stating that he or she has been examined and found free from any sexually transmitted disease, before contracting marriage.

The statement, however, may be dispensed with through a waiver by the other contracting party.

Earlier, Quezon City Councilor Reynaldo Calalay filed a resolution urging Congress to enact a law that would require mandatory AIDS tests for persons intending to marry.

Calalay, in sponsoring the resolution, said that innocent spouses and children must be protected.

In the case of married couples, a party may file for legal separation once he finds out during their marriage that his partner has acquired a sexually transmissible disease which is serious or which appears incurable.

In another development, Senator Ernesto Maceda said that the committee on national defence and security which he leads is set to investigate next week the complaint of 46 PC Ranger trainees on alleged brutalities, sadomachism, and sex perversion in the PC Training School at Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig. Itchie G. Calayan

MANILA: Manila Mayor Gemiliano C. Lopez Jr ordered the suspension of the building permit for the construction of the Gotecho Twin Towers on Concepcion St. near the Ayala Bridge in Ermita for violation of the building Code, resulting in the death of six workers and serious injuries to four others.

Lopez also directed City Secretary Alberto Bernardo to initiate both civil and criminal charges against the owner and contractor of the building.

The mayor told Bernardo to tell the owner and the contractors that construction on the building must be stopped at once, pending investigation and inspection of the equipment used at the site.

Among the criminal cases Lopez said the contractor and owner may face are homicide through reckless imprudence, culpable negligence, and violation of the Building Code.

MANILA: Domestic plane passengers may now use the P700-million Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) instead of the congested Manila Domestic Airport terminal.

This was the agreement forged by Eduardo Carrascano, NAIA general manager, and top Philippine Airlines (PAL) officials on the use of NAIA facilities by passengers on PAL flights from midnight to 6 am.

Carrascano said there are no scheduled international flights from midnight till dawn.

Juan Paraiso, PAL assistant vice-president for airport operations, and Jose Medrano, Manila station director, agreed to implement immediately the Carrascano offer. (LP)

MANILA: The Department of Health (DOH) announced yesterday that pseudophedrine and all other drug products containing it have been re-classified as prescription drugs.

Health Secretary Alfredo R. A. Bengzon said that all drug products with pseudophedrine can be dispensed only upon a written prescription of a validly registered doctor under Administrative Order No. 70 of DOH.

"Pseudophedrine causes central nervous system stimulation, and, as such, it has been abused, and so there is a need to control its marketing to prevent its abuse by the consuming public, especially the youth," Bengzon said.

The Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) also announced that the product advertised and marketed as "Shenyung Growth Balls" is not registered with the BFAD and should not be sold or advertised in the country. (Eddie Rh. Castro)

MANILA: A Manila businessman was murdered before he was robbed by two alleged drug users at midnight.

Cpl Pio Inocencio, investigator of the Western Police District's (WPD) homicide section, identified the victim as Antonio Lim, 39, of 500 Alonzo St. Binondo. He was shot several times in the body by the two robbers who were identified by the victim before he died at the Metropolitan Hospital.

Lim identified the assailants only as a certain "Danny" and one alias "Ramil Rodriguez". Police said the two robbers, believed to be high on drugs, escaped with some P70,000 cash and other valuables.

John Chua, owner of the three-storey residential apartment where the victim was renting a room, told Capt. Gene Javier, chief of the homicide section, that he opened his window on the second floor after he heard several gunshots. He added that he saw two men hurriedly went out of the room. (Vic Vega)

QUEZON CITY: Two restaurant workers were killed while eight others were wounded when armed men opened fire at employees of a strike-bound establishment in Quezon City.

Police identified the slain strikers as Alberto Ramos, 26, and Felix Catanda, 28, both cook at the Pingping lechon house and restaurant on Bonifacio Ave., La Loma. Ramos suffered a bullet wound in the chest, while Catanda succumbed to a bullet wound in the nape.

Injured were Felix Soronio, Luciano Rendon, Dina Dianula, Carlos Cabagin, Roger Nija, Romeo Lagunera, Joseph de Calas, and Wilfredo Uppia, all strikers. Capt. Cesar Delanor, QC police chief of investigators, said the restaurant workers tried to break into the victim's picketline at about 10 am yesterday.

Delanor said his men picked up eight men for questioning. Two of them, who were pinpointed by witnesses as among the four gunmen, were identified as Nestor Ponce, 35, and Maanoy Chua, 21, son of Johnny Chua, owner of the restaurant.

AFP sorry

Marines vs communist rebels

By E.F. Romero

THE military yesterday apologized to the relatives of the nine civilians purportedly killed in the crossfire on April 28 when Marine troops fought communist rebels in Paombong, Bulacan.

"Sisikapin po namin na hindi na mangyayari muli ang unfortunate mistake encounter natin," Brig. Gen. Manuel Oxaes, deputy commander of the National Capitol Region Command, said as he distributed P17,000 to relatives of every victim.

"Ito po ay hindi kabayaran ng buhay kundi tulad ng gohyerno," Brig. Gen. Cesar Abella, chief of the First Marine Brigade, assured the relatives.

The biggest amount of P51,000 was received by Teodora Bongcayao, 62, who lost her husband Valeriano Sr., a World War II veteran, and their sons Valeriano Jr. and Marcelino.

Asked how she felt about the military's gesture the Bongcayao widow said "Masakit," and then burst into tears as she signed the documents acknowledging receipt of the amount.

The military initially claimed that Marine troops had killed nine rebels in a clash at a fish pond in Paombong. But this was immediately belied by the testimony of Paombong residents who identified the victims as either caretakers or workers at the fishpond.

Subsequently, Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Biazon acknowledged that the fatalities were civilians, but he said they were killed in the crossfire. After it was known that at least three of the victims were dead when the encounter took place, Biazon said they could have been executed earlier by the rebels. The rest died while being used as "human shields" during the encounter, he added.

But a spokesman of the New People's Army in Bulacan has said soldiers massacred the nine civilians in retaliation for the death earlier of a Marine trooper.

The spokesman, identified as Ka Dams, said 10 rebels had slept in the workers' quarters and were only a short distance from the fishpond when they encountered the Marine patrol.

A Marine trooper was killed during the firefight which ended when the rebels escaped, Ka Dams said. Then the troops proceeded to the fishpond where they shot the civilians dead.

Yesterday, Justice Undersecretary Artemio Tuquero asked the National Bureau of Investigation to look for a certain "Nano" who is believed to have witnessed the incident.

Tuquero, who heads the committee investigating the Paombong killings separately from the military, said "Nano" might be able to shed light on the incident since he reportedly lives about 30 metres away from the site of the killings.

Roger Cuarensa, senior investigator of the Commission on Human Rights, who also testified before the Tuquero committee at a public hearing yesterday, said that when he visited the house on May 9, he saw blood splattered on the wall about six feet high.



Teodora Bongcayao weeps after signing papers indemnifying her for the death of her husband and two sons in Paombong.

FLASSIK's May hospital visits

Angels of mercy

DESPITE the rigours of their preparation for the games during the Filipino summer sports festival, the officers and members of the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait (FLASSIK) took time out of their practice schedules, to visit Filipino patients confined in various hospitals in Kuwait.

These patients are in different stages of their illnesses ranging from post-operative, the seriously ill in intensive care & coronary care units and those who are now convalescing and on their way to recovery.

Here are "FLASSIK and friends" away from their practice for the women's division games which have proved to be real crowd drawers during last Friday events, at the mini-Olympics.



FLASSIK officers on their recent hospital rounds.

Quality education

Are subsidies the answer?

HOW much does a quality education cost? The answer is "a lot." If the quality we're hankering for is that which meets prevailing international standards, the answer is quite clearly "astronomical."

And who are entitled to a quality education? In theory, the answer is easy. Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution requires the State to "protect and promote the right of all citizens to education at all levels" and "to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

In practice, it's not quite that simple. It doesn't take extensive research to discover that the most private institutions of higher education in this country are going through very difficult times. With some exceptions, most such schools are in the red. While some private schools may be making marginal profits, they are the exception. Moreover, the level of profits is not likely to be something they can count on.

A good education requires good teachers. But while the academic life often entails a commitment to a frugal and simple life, it should require neither a vow of poverty nor a willingness to be locked up in the bowels of some dusty library. If anything, teaching requires sustained and personal interaction with students and the community, both national and international. Today's world needs not your caricature of the absent-minded professor but, rather, involved and principled academicians unafraid to deal with the pragmatic and often untidy demands of real life.

The Constitution treats of this idea. Article XIV, Section 5 (5) also requires the State to ensure that teaching will attract and retain its rightful share of the best available talents through adequate remuneration and other means of job satisfaction and fulfillment. The framers of the Constitution were, I suppose, not expected to specify how this should be done. In fact, colleges and universities all over the world are still engaged in a losing struggle to hang on to talented professors who are constantly tempted to defect to the more lucrative world of business.

Will subsidies be the answer? Again, the Constitution talks about subsidies for deserving students in both public and private schools, especially the underprivileged. There can really be no question that a programme of scholarships or student loans is necessary. However, the administrative structure must be set up to ensure proper monitoring of such a programme.

But subsidies to private educational institutions will be counterproductive in the long run. Subsidies will spawn more subsidies to private education institutions will be counterproductive in the long run. Subsidies will spawn more subsidies. As demands for better

facilities and more adequately paid teachers escalate — and they will inexorably escalate — the national coffers will find it difficult to satisfy all budgetary appetites. While the Constitution, yet again, says that the "State shall assign the highest budgetary priority to education" (Article XIV, Section 5 (5)), that is easier said than done at a time when the IMF/World Bank and sundry foreign creditors are beating down our doors trying to ensure that the country does not forget to keep paying its gargantuan foreign debt.

The best answer, I believe, is that the government attend urgently to the development of State schools. Four money into the upgrading of facilities and the recruitment of top-notch professors in order to expand the reach of, say, the University of the Philippines to enable it to bring quality education out into the provinces. The Diliman campus does not have to be the Mecca of students. The latter should not have to feel obliged to come to Manila in order to have a chance at a successful professional or business career.

In the meantime, the general direction set in the Education Act of 1982 ought not to be abandoned and private colleges and universities should be allowed to set their own tuition fees. Further, let them not be weighed down with numerous strictures on what to do with the money. Our people are not dense.

Retirement set at 55

THE HOUSE of Representatives moved yesterday to lower the compulsory retirement age of government employees from 60 to 55 years in an initial move to trim the fat of the bureaucracy while expanding alternative employment.

Assistant Majority Floor leader Raul Roco (LDP, Camarines Sur), leading a sizeable number of congressmen in authoring the bill for this purpose, said the measure would open the way for the entry of the younger generation in critical management and leadership positions in the public positions in the public service.

This would, in turn, spur senior state workers to blow out of the service at prime time and harness themselves to a second career, using their training, expertise and discipline, at entrepreneurial and other profitable activities.

Speaker Ramon V. Mitra Jr. has deployed the assembly in a full scale effort to cut excess personnel in the 1.5-million strong bureaucracy, in accordance with a consensus by experts that its bloated condition has caused inefficiency and a drain on scarce government financial resources.

Congressmen said early retirement will be induced by the approval on third and final reading of the bill increasing and standardizing the salaries to more than double the retirement, insurance and other financial benefits of government workers.

Their early retirement would enable them to help organize livelihood projects and similar effort to improve the countryside, Roco said.

The bill mandates the Government Services Insurance System (GSIS) and relevant state financing institutions to allot funds for this purpose.

Simultaneously, a group of congressmen, led by Rep. Ciriaco Alfaro (LDP, Camarines Sur) filed House Bill 2432, seeking a 50 per cent increase in the medical benefit of GSIS and the Social Security System (SSS).

"The measure would mandate the funding of the increase medical care of the workers and their families from the health insurance fund of the GSIS and the SSS," Alfaro said.

"Approval of the measure will shake off the pain and anguish of seeing a sick member of the family unattended to for lack of means to provide necessary medicines, hospital and other medical services," Alfaro said.

Alfaro said the present rate of medical care benefit has become unrealistic with the skyrocketing cost of medicine, doctors' fees and hospitalisation.

The measure likewise establishes a uniform rate of benefits, to cure the disparity between government employees granted only P20 by the GSIS, while private sector workers enjoying P30 per hospital room and board daily.

In another development, Rep. Miguel Romero (LDP, Negros Oriental) urged early approval of House Bill 2896, and a companion Resolution 818 to limit the service payments of the \$27.9 billion foreign debt at 10 per cent of the government budget or its equivalent of the total export earnings.

Romero said the present laws channeling more than 40 per cent of the national budget to the repayment of the foreign loans incurred by the past regime are the nation's guarantee to perpetual poverty.



Leonor's golden year

NATIONAL artist Leonor Orosa Goquingco marks her golden year as pioneer Filipino choreographer with *Celebration '89*, to be presented June 3 and 4 at the CCP Little Theatre.

It will be wide-range of programmes — from drama and pathos, compassion and elation, to romanticism and humour. Gems from the now Philippine classic "Noli Dance Suite," *Maria Clara and the Leper*, "Asalto for Maria Clara," and *Polka Filipina* — will be juxtaposed with excerpts from well-loved European and American ballets, *Festival of the Bulls* from "Coppelia," *Titania's Garden* from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, "Viennese Encounter: light-hearted fun and mischief will dominate "Polka Filipina" and "Mistake Waltz."

For the younger generation, too, and in particular for those who have not made the acquaintances of the waltz, *Celebration '89* will present three versions of the waltz from the sparkling Viennese Waltz, a comic American Waltz, and a nostalgic Hispano-Philippine one.

Philippine govt. real estate in Tokyo

Higher price wanted

THE Senate will move for a six-month deferment of the scheduled bidding in July for the sale of the Philippine government property in the Roppongi district of Tokyo.

Four Senators said after yesterday's hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that they will sponsor a resolution calling for a deferment of at least six months, or until such time that prices or real estate in Tokyo have gone up, so as to enable the government to make a bigger profit out of the sale.

Officials invited by the Foreign Relations Committee said the government will have to proceed with the bidding as it continues to lose opportunities as a result of the depreciation of real estate properties in Tokyo.

Philippine Ambassador to Tokyo Ramon del Rosario said the property depreciates at a rate of 10 per cent annually, so that the \$200 million price is reduced by about \$1.5 million monthly.

President Aquino had announced another auction for the Roppongi property following a failure of bid last March 30. Del Rosario said only one out of the 35 parties who made earlier representations submitted a valid bid.

Garcia said the government will have to proceed with the bidding since the Tokyo municipal govern-

ment has put a cap on land prices. Hence, Manila cannot expect so much from the sale.

Those who will author the resolution are Ernesto Maceda, John Osmena, Teofisto Guingona and Jose Lina.

The four said they were not convinced of the urgency of the sale, since no matter how fast the decline of the value of real estate in Tokyo may be, it can only go up eventually.

Sen. Nepali Gonzalez went along with Malacanang position to hold the bidding in mid-July, saying it was just a bidding and the government may or may not award the property to any bidder if it deems that the offers are not good enough.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said he was against the sale of the property at all since the government does not need the proceeds. He said the \$10 billion multilateral assistance programme the government is working on is sufficient to fund the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme for which the proceeds of the Roppongi said is intended.

Sen. Rene Saguisag expressed surprise over the decision of his colleagues. He said there had earlier been a unanimous decision among senators to support the sale.

"I think we should have more faith and trust in our fellow workers in government," Saguisag said.

Homicide charge on Randy

Reckless imprudence

THE Quezon City police is preparing charges of homicide through reckless imprudence against singer and TV personality Randy Santiago who allegedly hit and killed a pedestrian while driving a vehicle in Cubao last week.

Pat. Antonio Ramos, traffic investigator, said Santiago, 28, hit Dionisio Horson, a 29-year-old labourer, of 25 Gen. Macario St. Bagong Naryo, Kalookan City, as the latter was crossing Aurora Blvd. from the corner of Boston Street.

Investigation showed that the right front side of Santiago's Isuzu Trooper knocked off Horson who hit his head on the pavement and suffered broken bones.

He died while being treated at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Hospital



Santiago

where he was rushed by Santiago. Sgt. Frank Domingo, Quezon City traffic police

desk officer, said charges will be filed after the evidence against Santiago is collated.

Police said the visibility was low when the accident happened as it was raining hard. They added the singer could have missed seeing Horson as he was crossing because of the sunglasses he constantly wore.

Santiago, of 378 Columbia St., Greenhills East, Mandaluyong, is never caught appearing in public without his sunglasses or "shades" to conceal a defective eye.

Newsmen were given a hard time by the hospital management to interview Santiago, who was reportedly ordered by Channel 7 management and his own manager to refuse interviews.

Hospital personnel said Santiago was "in a state of shock."

Why Philippine Airlines intends to increase fares

CONGRESSMAN Edward Matti (Negros Occidental) has urged the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) to look into the status of the Philippine Airlines (PAL) proposal for fare increase.

Matti, chairman of the House committee on transportation and communications, alleged that PAL has assumed that the provisional increase 27 per cent two years ago is already permanent.

"This may be the reason why PAL plans to propose an increase of 40 per cent on fares on the new planes the airlines is acquiring," Matti said.

He added that this would mean an increase of 67 per cent over and above the rates in 1987.

In 1987, CAB authorized the prov-

isional increases in PAL's domestic passenger fares and cargo rates by up to 27 per cent.

The increases were approved on the basis of PAL's increased operation costs, the devaluation of the peso, a high load factor experienced by PAL and the introduction of additional capacity in the domestic schedule.

Although Matti admitted that there must be an increase in fares on the new fleet "PAL should show why there should be an increase on fares over and above 27 per cent."

PAL this year revealed plans of increasing rates by 40 per cent passenger fares on the 10 brand new Boeing 737-

300 which it will operate on a lease basis. Leslie W. Espino, PAL executive vice-president said the new fare will be charged on the B737s starting August when the first two airplanes are expected to go into service.

Each B737 will replace a BAC 1-11 until the latter are phased out completely. It will not be until September 1990 that all 10 B737s are scheduled to be on hand.

Espino said that PAL has embarked on the lease of the B737s to further modernize its fleet and enhance the airline's contribution to national economic recovery. PAL's domestic services have been

under much strain from a massive increase in passenger and cargo traffic all over the country.

For this reason, the airline launched a fleet modernization programme which already has added Fokker 50 and seven Shorts SD360 turboprops, all brand new, since May 1987 as replacement for the HS748 turboprop.

Espino explained that the new fare is necessary to cover the leases as well as the operating costs of the new B737s.

The fare proposal takes into account the domestic fuel tax which has been imposed on PAL since November 1985, Espino said.

He stressed that PAL has appealed

against the tax on the ground that its franchise specifies that it may pay only the franchise tax or corporate income tax, whichever is lower, in lieu of all other taxes, duties or fees.

In the meantime that the appeal is pending, PAL has been paying the fuel tax and treating it as deferred charges. Payments so far have totalled P1.5 billion pesos.

Without the fuel tax, PAL could ask for a lower fare to apply on the B737s, Espino said.

Espino also said that out of the 36 countries recently surveyed, the Philippines has the lowest domestic fares, with the exception of the People's Republic of China and Burma. (PNA).

Sea turtle tows five to safety

By D. Calleja

TABACO, Albay: A giant turtle last week brought to safety five weak and weary passengers of motorboat m/b *Albert* which capsized at the height of typhoon *Bening*.

The five had stayed afloat for three days and two nights and had begun to lose hope of surviving their sea ordeal when they spotted the *pawikan*.

A survivor, Emilia Briones, 25, said they tied their makeshift raft to the leg of the *pawikan*.

For two hours, Briones said, the *pawikan* dutifully towed them until villagers of Presentation town in Camarines Sur spotted them from the seashore.

Briones said her husband, Arsenio, untied the rope from the leg of the turtle which immediately swam away.

Aside from the Brioneses, the other survivors were identified as Rosemarie Escami, Panfilo Dequina and all of Barangay Cobo, Pandan, Catanduanes.

Briones said the turtle had a carapace of over one metre in diameter.

She said there were originally 10 persons who had clung to their flimsy raft but five were swept away and were feared to have drowned.

Fishermen from Presentation helped them get ashore where a military helicopter

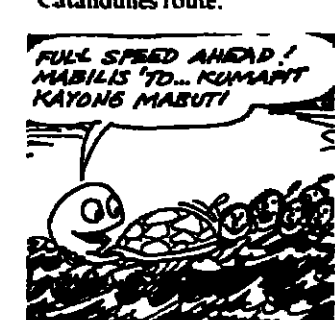
airlifted them to the Ziga Memorial Hospital here for medical treatment.

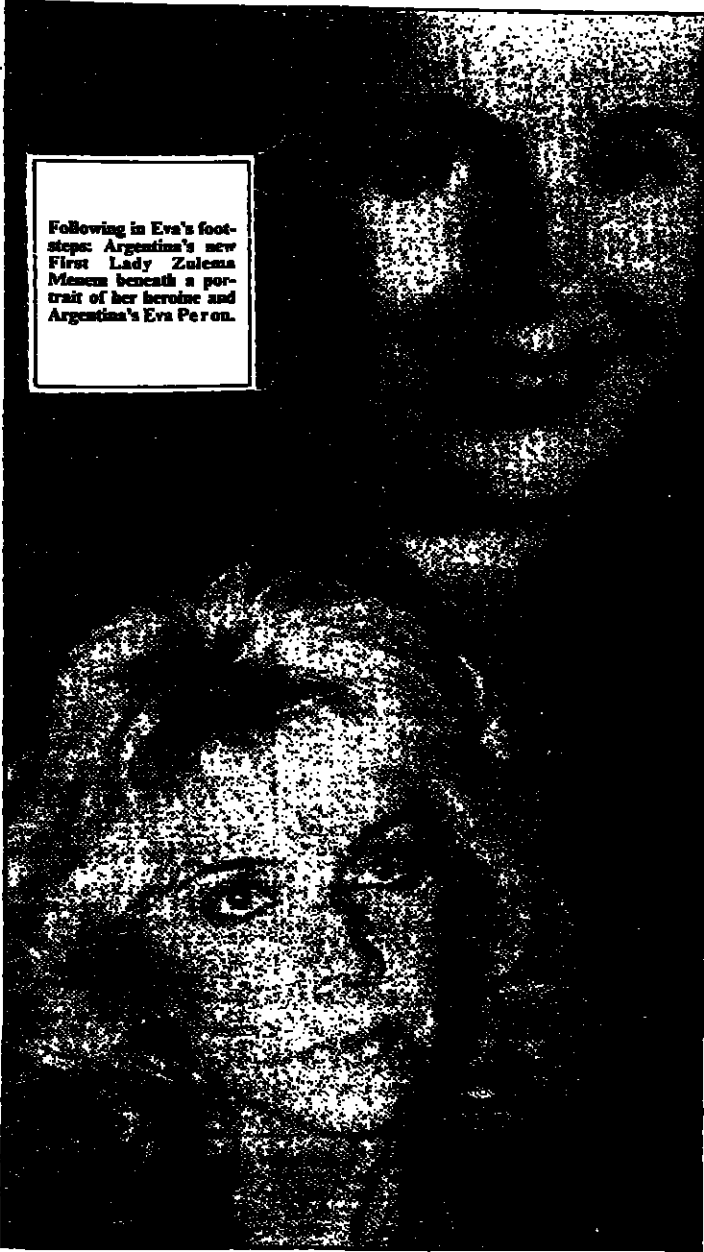
The survivors were pale and weak. Their bodies were bloated after staying long in sea water. Doctors, however, pronounced them out of danger.

Gutom na gutom na kami at lahat nanganginig sa sobrang ginaw. Sa pagkakatanda ko ay sampu kami na napahulaway sa karamihan ng ating kasamahang pasahero habang ka lakasan ng bagyo at naglalakihan ang mga alon subalit ang iba ay hindi tumagal at namatay. Briones said.

The Coast Guard said 16 other survivors from the *Albert* were found by rescue teams along the coasts of Presentation and Caramoran towns of Camarines Sur.

Search and rescue operations were still going on ten other missing passengers of the *Albert* which plied the Tabaco, Albay-pandan, Catanduanes route.





Following in Eva's footsteps: Argentina's new First Lady Zulema Menem wears a portrait of her heroine and Argentina's Eva Peron.

Flamboyant first lady

NOT since Eva Peron has Argentina had the prospect of such a flamboyant first lady. Zulema Menem, wife of the newly-elected President Carlos Menem, loves to tango. Now the 50-year-old blonde might achieve her greatest ambition — a cameo role in TV's *Dynasty*. She has said she wants to resume the 'unfinished work' of Eva Peron. But up to now, attention has centred on her glamorous lifestyle and tempestuous marriage.

Radical

Her 58-year-old husband has the reputation of being a charmer and she has the reputation of loving to spend money. She adores dancing, mixes with the country's polo set and is reported to have had plastic surgery on her face and breasts. Zulema seems the epitome of sophistication, but she once used a gun to evict Menem from their home because of his affairs.

Their differences were forgotten last week as Menem, leader of the Peronist Party, celebrated his victory over Eduardo Angeloz, of the ruling Radical Party.

Geraldine Ferraro ... down but not out

Lady with a mission

The woman who made history as the first female American vice-presidential candidate has a new mission: to promote women to political leadership. She also intends to run for the Senate in 1992

By Jane Thynne

IT SEEMED a touch incongruous, in the last days of Margaret Thatcher's 10-year celebrations, to find Geraldine Ferraro in Britain to publicise a mission to promote women to political leadership.

The woman who made history as the first female American vice-presidential candidate in 1984 is quick to admit any irony.

"It is a delight for me to come here and find young men of 16 and 17 who have never wondered whether a woman can do the job of high office. Thatcher's mere physical presence has led to a whole change of attitude," she says.

It is a change of attitude which as president of the International Institute for Women's Political Leadership — a new organisation which has the support of Thatcher, Benazir Bhutto and Cory Aquino among others — she hopes to further through the education and training of women aiming for elected office.

But she is also quick to point out an irony between the

UK's female prime minister and the fact that less than one-thirtieth of British MPs are women. She discovered a similar chasm between individual achievement and general attitude when as a successful and sophisticated New York lawyer, she went out on the campaign trail to middle America and was asked whether as a woman she was capable of understanding foreign policy.

Ferraro claims that to ask whether women can do what a man does is only broaching half the question. "Without women, the political world is missing a view. There are things that they can bring to governing that go beyond the fact that they have like feelings, like experiences."

Sharp talking and highly groomed, with an air of guarded glamour, Ferraro reveals a surprising level of emotion on the subject of the media. It is the result of her own experience five years ago when she believes she suffered a degree of press intrusion unprecedented in American political life.

Half way through the run-up to the 1984 election, in which she ran with Walter Mondale against Ronald Reagan and George Bush, her campaign threatened to collapse through feverish interest in the finances of her husband, John Zaccaro.

An Italian-American, Zaccaro's multi-million dollar property empire in New York's Little Italy drew almost inevitable allegations of Mafia links.

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Ferraro had not underestimated the stir that a female candidate would cause. At the time of her nomination she lyrically described the impact of a woman runner as "like a giant light bulb going on". She declared that the nomination "created a bond between women all over America."

But far from being a bond, it operated as a divisive force.



Geraldine Ferraro: sharp talking and highly groomed

After the campaign she commissioned research at her own expense to find out what women felt about her. She discovered that many American women saw her — a high achiever who had put herself through night school to qualify as a lawyer and also raised three children — as a threat.

"During the campaign there were many women, married with children, who felt that if I had succeeded it would hurt what they were doing as wives and mothers. We lost women, young women that way."

Newspaper investigations into her family background, particularly the reports published by the Murdoch-owned New York Post, dominated the campaign.

It was such a feature that after Reagan's re-election she could command \$20,000 a time lecturing on the ethics of the press. She is now writing a book on the legalities of invasion of privacy.

After her defeat, being out of politics but not out of the media spotlight increased the psychological pressure. In 1985 her husband, convicted

for "scheming to defraud" on a loan application which grossly overstated his wealth, was sentenced to 150 hours community service.

Months later her 20-year-old son, John Junior, was given a four-month sentence for selling \$25 worth of cocaine to an undercover police officer in his Vermont college room.

Continued attention prevented her from announcing a return to politics, although she has now said that she will run for the Senate in 1992, and would not refuse another vice-presidential nomination.

In the meantime she wrote her \$1 million memoirs, but it was not until years later that a small incident at her local church made her realise the level of stress she was still suffering caused her to snap.

"I believed that women have a right to choose over abortion and said so. I was shocked by the reaction both by the right-to-lifers and also by the Church, because in the States the Church does not get into politics."

"During the campaign I had



Benazir Bhutto (left), Margaret Thatcher and Cory Aquino support Ferraro's Institute for Women's Political Leadership.

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people at rallies who held up tombstones with my children's names on them. It was terrible but I thought it was on the political agenda. Then, long after the campaign, I was walking out of my church and a woman grabbed me by the arm and shouted 'murderer'. I was stunned. My husband took hold of me but I said 'I will not come back, I will not submit to this.'"

A staunch Catholic throughout her life, she refused to go to church for a year.

She had already witnessed the power of the anti-abortion lobby when an advertisement for Pepsi, which she made immediately after the campaign, was taken off the air after complaints that it was "pro-abortion".

"I did the commercial after finding that some women felt threatened by me. I wrote it myself and in it I discussed with my daughters the choice between being a mother or having a career. I said that being a mother was the most important choice I had made. But because the Pepsi slogan was 'Make the Choice' people thought I was lobbying for

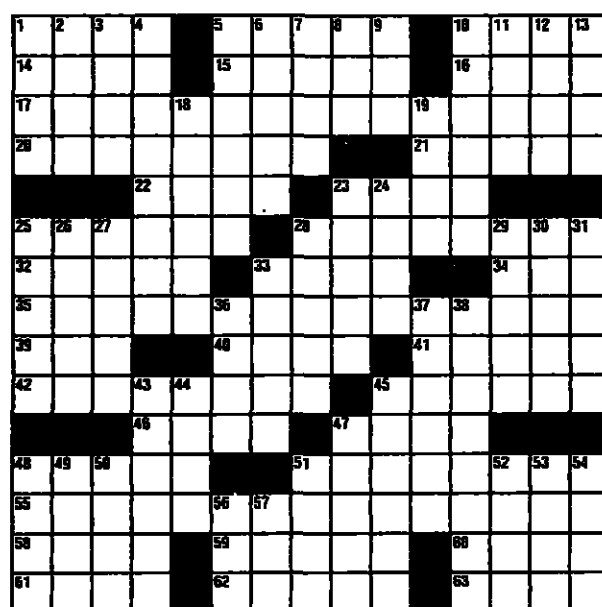
abortion rights." Making the commercial is a slightly touchy area for Ferraro. She did it, she says, partially to pay the costs of a legal action she is taking, but she claims she has no intention of being paid to promote again.

She is returning to legal work, and until running for election to the Senate, she intends to devote a large amount of her time to the Institute for Women's Political Leadership, which last weekend received the support of The 300 Group, Britain's lobbying group for more female MPs.

If Thatcher, who has already sent a letter of support, accepts her invitation to be a board member of the institute, she will join two US senators, a Japanese MP, and the ex-Finance Minister of Liberia, Ellen Johnson-Sirley, who escaped assassination after being lined up to be shot alongside 13 former colleagues.

Ferraro says that her negative feelings about the press are balanced by a sense of positive achievement.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Become indistinct
 - Pluto's realm
 - Croft, for one
 - Of aircraft
 - Student at the Sorbonne
 - Heavy reading
 - One actress meets another
 - Discuss
 - A silly trick
 - Jenny of birdland
 - Edible tuber
 - Lacking
 - Went to bat for
 - Trim
 - Lisa
 - Old French coin
 - Comedian
 - meets an actor
 - Alicia of "Falcon Crest"
 - Port in Yemen
 - invented
 - Pliny —
 - Crackers
 - Recipients of gifts
 - Selects
 - Part of an eastern church
 - Acts
 - Like a queenly home
 - Orchestra leader meets a singer
 - Algerian city
 - Aloe derivative
 - Norman of TV note
 - Director Fritz
 - Chess pieces
 - A Rhine feeder
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- Fishing need
 - Entertainer
 - Horn
 - Soviet mountain range
 - Stones as garden art
 - Cast
 - Martian, for example
 - Author Earl —
 - Biggers
 - "All About —"
 - Stage decor
 - the gas
 - A many-splendoured thing?
 - Cupid on canvas
 - Extravagant
 - American choreographer
 - Eugene —
 - Unusual
 - Insertion in a mortise
 - Way way away
 - Babies' first words
 - Village near Minneapolis
 - Some cords
 - Venetian
 - officials, of old
 - Name on farming equipment
 - Woodpecker, old style
 - Edinburgh and
 - York
 - Ancient Persians
 - Carry on
 - of the guard
 - Cigar
 - Carrying thing?
 - dixit
 - Actor Alain and family
 - Bowl
 - Buffoon
 - Poet Pound
 - Muezzin's call to prayer
 - Work the fields
 - Brainchild
 - Hebrew month
 - Kin of an asor
 - Afternoon siesta
 - Guido note

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

DARK AWAC EBERT
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ABATE EELS ONLY

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A762 ♥932 ♦K ♣J10652

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Db1 ?

What action do you take?

A.—Since East's double is primarily a takeout for the major suits, there is no point to showing your weak spade suit. And why venture two clubs? Although you have the values for one no trump, your hand is unbalanced, so all you can do is pass to see how the auction develops.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AQ4 ♥AKJ762 ♦73 ♣Q9

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—This is borderline. If you have a partner who might drop the bidding in two hearts, jump to three. However, if partner can be trusted to bid again, then two hearts is sufficient—your queen of clubs is of doubtful value.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AQ4 ♥AKJ762 ♦73 ♣Q9

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—The fact that your queen is now in partner's suit makes a world of difference—it is probably worth a full trick. Now a jump to three hearts (or a reverse bid of two spades, if you like the fancy stuff) is clear cut.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠762 ♥AQ6 ♦Q5 ♣AJ1092

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass

1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass

What action do you take?

A.—The fact that you have a minimum opening bid and excellent three-card support for partner's second suit doesn't relieve you of the obligation of finding your side's best spot. Partner's first-bid suit is at least as long, and probably longer, than his second, so you must correct to two spades despite the

disparity in the strength of your holdings.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠KQ5 ♥AQ ♦AKQ1087 ♣63

The bidding has proceeded:

East South West North

1 ♥ Db1 Pass 2 ♣

Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—We suppose that the theoretically correct bid is a jump to three diamonds. However, if you are going to play for nine tricks, why not at no trump? There is no guarantee that you can make three no trump, but it's certainly worth a shot—especially since you're likely to get a heart lead.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠6 ♥A105 ♦AKJ ♣AQJ762

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with three spades. What action do you take?

A.—Not an ideal hand, but who promised you that life would be a bowl of cherries? Double, despite the fact that you lack a fourth heart. Ideally, you hope partner will pass or bid three no trump. Should he bid four hearts, pass and hope for the best. At least the spade ruffs will come in the hand with short trumps.



"And put the kettle on for my half-time cup of tea!"



"DIVORCE PETTING"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>If you are a little more patient you will see the results of your efforts. You should beware of making any rash promises. Avoid spending more than you can afford. Be reasonable.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should make sure a hobby is not becoming an obsession. The more favourable influence of the Moon and of Mars will help you to make up your mind. You should take pleasure in little things too. Be frank.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will be tempted to allow your affections to stray, but you would be well advised to refrain. Do not do anything on the spur of the moment. Make sure you do not eat too many sweet things and stay sober. Be consistent.</p>	<p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>You will be tempted to allow your affections to stray, but you would be well advised to refrain. Do not do anything on the spur of the moment. Make sure you do not eat too many sweet things and stay sober. Be consistent.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You will be in a better mood. Make sure you get all the rest as well as the exercise you need. Avoid doing anything on the spur of the moment. Be generous.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>An electrical device you have had for some time should be checked: it may be time to replace it. Your lucky numbers are 3 and 32. No point in dwelling on the past and on what might have been.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>Remember that if you wish to be loved you would do well to love in your turn. You should try to take your mind off work for the day. Make sure you get enough exercise. Be sensible.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You will be better able to manage your personal affairs. A little time spent in sorting out your belongings is time far from wasted. You should try to economise without being miserly. Be patient.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>Mercury's less favourable influence will tend to make you more nervous and susceptible. You should try to see things from the point of view of other people too. Do not allow your resentments to become uppermost. Be tactful.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You are subject to mixed influences and should not take any needless chances. Things are not what they seem so do try to look beneath the surface. Avoid taking risks with your health. Be less condescending.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You will be strongly tempted to go on a spending spree and should resist. The Moon's better influence will help you to extricate yourself from a mess you have got yourself into.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>The better influence of the Moon coupled with that of Mars will help you to do something you had long intended to. You should have good reason for optimism, none for complacency. Do not expect everyone to be at your bid and call.</p>

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The FCC netters who beat Al Rashid Freight.



An action shot from the EEI-Pizza Italia match.



One of the darts players takes aim.

Dollarco sail through in basketball opener

FFC fight back for close victory

By Gil Bangalan

THE Keifan Secondary School Gym once more became the place where to go every Friday for the sports-loving Filipino community in Kuwait. Last Friday, May 26, 1989 enthusiastic Filipinos from all walks of life in Kuwait packed the Keifan gym to witness the start of the Palaro '89, dubbed Bisign Mangagawa.

Brief kick-off rites preceded the start, with no other than the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Alunan C. Glang and the Chief of Missions Consul General Fortunato D. Oblena gracing the occasion with their presence.

In the basketball competitions that followed, the Dollarco Greenbacks routed the Kuwait International Hotel, 72-50. The second game saw the Al Rashid Supermarket and the Refrigeration Ind. Co trading baskets in the early part of the first half, but the much superior shooting power and offence play of the Al Rashid quintet proved too much for the RIC mainstays. Al Rashid won the game, 85-66.

In Group B, the Pizza Italia never had a chance against the vaunted EEI-Kamish Al Aryan fast-break play. The heroics of Alojado and Dela Cruz, who scored 26 & 23 apiece, were not enough to stop the Garcia-Dingson tandem of EEI-Kamish. The final score was 97-59 for the first victory of EEI-Kamish.

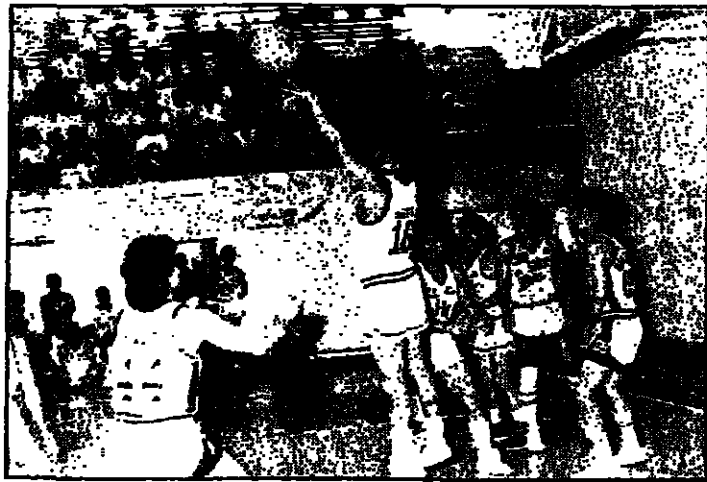
The Pampanga Selection showed themselves the team to watch in Group C as they revelled the crowd with their merciless rout of the Kaleco aluminium makers, 75-45.

The crowd-rouser of the day however belonged to the game between the SAS Hotel and the Kuwait Hotels Co. Both quintets kept the crowd on their feet from start to the final buzzer of a see-sawing battle for the basket. The Kuwait Hotels led all the way during the first three quarters only to lose stamina and momentum in the dying minutes, enabling the SAS quintet to surge and never to look back. Argonza's game high score of 44 points proved to be the clincher for SAS Hotel's victory, with the final score at 83-73.

In the Ladies Division, the game between the Greek House and the Abugosh-Hatid Ligaya was postponed for next Friday. The crowd however were given a preliminary of the anticipated stiff rivalry in the volleyball competitions when the Fresh Fruit Co. netters dealt a crushing blow to the Al Rashid Freight volleyballers. The FCC netters turned what seemed a sure defeat to a rousing victory when, after losing the first two sets, 13-15 & 9-15, they rallied in the final three sets, 15-12, 15-9, and 16-14.

Schedule of games for Friday, June 2, 1989.

Men's basketball:
8:00 am — B: Magnolia Ice Cream vs Soft Rock Cafe
9:30 — C: Kuwait Danish Dairy vs Woodgroup Engineering
11:00 — D: Kuwait Regency Hotel vs Sony
12:30 — A: Kay & Associates vs Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh
2:00 — B: Nissan Al Bahrain vs KPBC
Ladies basketball:
3:30 — Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh vs Greek House
5:00 — Al Rashid Freight — vs Durani Exchange



SAS players watch as an opponent collects the ball.



KAPILKU officials register members.



Argonza scores a basket.



A section of the crowd.



A Kuwait hotels Co player tries to score.



The Hatid Ligaya ladies volleyball team.



Chess players plan their moves.



Score-keepers and other officials at the basketball games.

Results

RESULTS of all games held at the Keifan Stadium on Friday:
Group A
Darts: SAS beat FCC 7-0
Al Ghanim beat RIC 5-2
Group B
Kirby beat Soft Rock 6-1
EEI/KAA beat Greek House 5-2
Chess: Kabayan Restaurant 3-1-2
SAS Hotel 1-2
Kafan Gymnasium 1-2
Al Ghanim 1
Risco 2 Kirby 2
Group B team matches will be held on June 2 at 8:30 am at the Keifan gymnasium. The following teams should present themselves on time, otherwise they will forfeit their entry for the entire tournament: Kaleco, Chiquita, Abugosh, Hatid-Ligaya, Kay & Associates and Kupo. Group A will not have any matches this week.

Individual chess
Martinez (black) beat R. Blas in 50 moves
Delos Reyes drew with T. Lagmay in 19 moves
Yarano (black) beat J. Merasto in 39 moves.

All those still interested in taking part in the event can report to the organizers on June 2 at 8:30 at the Keifan Gymnasium. Entry fee is KD 3 per individual.

Table tennis
Singles-men
Soso Rafael beat Victor Pacionio 21-15, 21-12
Joey Ong beat Ceferino Panogan 21-16, 21-18
Dante Almuenda beat Vicente Soquin 21-16, 21-16
Alberto Nonato beat Willy Chinyuacac 21-19, 21-18
Ronnie Cabalera beat Gilbert Santiago 21-12, 21-6
Tennis-doubles
Al Ghanim Freight beat Kabayan Restaurant 21-18, 21-13
Los Compadres beat Sanyo 21-17, 20-22, 15-15

The chairman of the organizing committee for table tennis is Ben F. Bawawa while Ben Zabala is the co-chairman. Rose Ferrnantes, Marilyn Inductino and Sandy Sincro are the members of the committee.

All the participants have been asked by the organizing committee to report at the Keifan gymnasium on June 2 at 8:30 am. All the players will be able to play, so they must come.

Fun games
800 metres
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Long jump — men's
1. Rolly Razon (Mabuhay)
2. Edward Balata (Mabuhay)
3. Andries Sambat (Mabuhay)
4. 100 relay — women's
1. Greek House — Sol Ruera, Felly Dicy, Lolit Almaziz and Vivian
2. Hatid Ligaya — Medy Diezma, Jing, Liby and Tess Perez
3. Greek House — Tata Solarda, Eva Bernade, Torsie Latif and Florence Gade

Tut-of-war
Men's event: EEI
Women's event: Greek House
50 metres children's run
1. Jose Palala
2. Joby de la Cruz
3. Ali Younis

100 metres tyre-rolling run — men's event
1. Alex Palala (Hatid Ligaya)
2. Romeo Calderon (Hatid Ligaya)
3. Toi Cui

Women's event
1. Tata Salarda (Greek House)
2. Lolit Almaziz
3. Eva Sabay

2 x 50 metres ladder & child run
1. Jerome & Romeo Ramirez (KDD)
2. Michael & Herbert Rue (KDD)
400 metres walkman — women's event
1. Merly Quilarto
2. Judy Valma
3. Jeremy Pastor

400 metres dash — men's event
1. Francisco de los Reyes (Mabuhay)
2. Gerald Panotes
3. Rodrigo Torero (Mabuhay)

Chiquita outclass Ambassador Merchants to move closer to top of standings

By Sonny R. Mariano

CHIKUITA moved closer to the top of the standings after they stopped the Ambassador Merchants 3 games to 1. It was the second victory for the banana magnates in as many outings which gave them a share of Group A men's division leadership with Alghanim Freight.

Topscoring for Chiquita were Tony Lacson (588) and Lando Caburao (554). The losing side had Jojo Medrano (509) and Ernie Landrito (506) as their best marksmen.

In the Group B men's division, Trico continued to wreak havoc as they blasted FCC Shell 4 games to none and move way on top of Group B rankings. Leading the team to their impressive showing were Rodel, Roger, Mel & Ogie.

Other results of the second of competition are as follows:

Group A — men
Abugosh Int'l 3, Najid Airnote 1
Defending titlist Abugosh Forwarders showed they are keen to retain the title as they outclassed their opponents, the Najid Airnote, Airmen, Reliable Mar Evangelista turned in another fine performance with his 3-game total of 583 pt., while Rudy Zabian (554) and Nonoy Maramba

(553) provided the much needed backup. The Airmen were led by Nelson Guillermo (555), George Gaerlan (545) & Rene Cabardo (529).

Magnolia 2, Alghanim Freight 2

Magnolia gave the highly touted Alghanim Freight movers a run for their money all throughout their thrilling 3-game series match which ended with both teams taking 2 match points each. High scores for the ice cream makers were registered by Mars Balisi (602), Joe Bilog (595) and Nepomuceno (576). The freight movers got their firepower from Jesus Ventus (599), Rico Pino (581) and Arthur Reyes (548).

Group B — men

FRM Design Studio 2.5, NTC 1.5
In a heart-stopping match, which could have gone either way, FRM Design Studio was able to turn back a strong challenge from the NTC Traders. Spearheading the designer's bid for a championship berth were Sonny Mariano (531), Rene Militante (530), Klin Mariano (550) and Ding Celeste (483). The Traders on the other hand banked on the tenacious display of consistency by Lito Libres who top-scored for his team with his 587. Milo Coronado (509) and Boying (492) also contributed to the team's effort.



Some of the bowlers with officials.

Jabriya 4, Garfield 0
After its opening day setback, Jabriya bounced back mightily into contention as they convincingly defeated the first day leaders Garfield. Leading pinbusters for the winning team were Caloy (529), Manny (519) and Romy (498). The losing side had Teddy (501), Jupai (498) and Rollic (483) as their leading scorers.

Group A — women
Far East Restaurant 3, Al Rashid 1
The title retention bid of Far East

started with a win over their sole rival for the Group A title. Far East relied on their most lethal weapon Eva Sabay who scored 579 to edge out Al Rashid. On the side to ensure the victory were Malou Tadana (491), Cora Paras (479), Joe Reyes (478) and Baby Militante (466). Al Rashid had R.C. Ruiz (521), Amy Abdon (510), Mercy Laboree (498), Lynne Reyes, Nitz Alinea and Luz Mesenas to count on.

Group B — women
Kabayan Restaurant 4, Alghanim

Freight 0

Kabayan favoured to win the Group B title, outplayed a tough team of new bowlers from Alghanim Freight to take the lead in their group. High scores for Kabayan were submitted by Thess Olor (485), Chit Acosta (475) and Baby Penaloza (460). Other team members are Femy, Beng, Jovie and Elsa. Carrying the scoring load for the lady freight movers were Beth N. (458), Rose (450) and Melody (433). The rest of the team are Gina, Diane and Beth C.

Trico 3, Abugosh Int'l 1

In the battle of door-to-door specialist Trico proved themselves better in bowling than their business competitor. But the Abugosh Lady Forwarders did not make it easy for the Trico lady shippers as the result could have gone either way. Leading Trico were Chary Nepomuceno (458) and Vangie Simoy (449). Florence, Ledy, Babes and Pinky are the other team members. Abugosh had Florence (474) and Vicky Mendoza (443) as they best scorers and the rest of the team are Sarah, Joy, Remy and Mila.

The PBAK executive board wishes to thank all the participants of the Palaro bowling event for coming on time

Standings									
Men's Division									
Group A		P	W	L	PF	Pinfalls	Average		
Alghanim Freight	6	6	2	6		5313	886		
Chiquita	6	6	2	6		5303	884		
Abugosh Int'l	6	5	3	5		5395	899		
Magnolia	6	4	4			5487	915		
Najid Airnote	6	2	6	2		5248	875		
Ambassador	6	1	7	1		4782	791		
Group B		P	W	L	PF	Pinfalls	Average		
Trico	6	8	0	8		4820	803		
FRM Design Studio	6	5.5	2.5	5.5		4912	819		
Jabriya	6	5	4			4869	811		
Garfield	6	4	4			5097	849		
NTC	6	1.5	6.5	1.5		4766	794		
FCC Shell	6	0	8	0		4192	699		

Individual Records:
Group A:
High-Game — Joe Bilog (244)
High-Series — Jun Cheng (612)

Group B:
High-Game — P.J. Oblena (217)
High-Series — P.J. Oblena (596)

Women's Division

Group A		P	W	L	PF	Pinfalls	Average		
Far East Restaurant	3	3	1	3		2493	831		
Al-Rashed	3	1	3	1		2442	814		
Group B		P	W	L	PF	Pinfalls	Average		
Kabayan Restaurant	3	4	0	4		2301	767		
Trico	3	3	1	3		2077	692		
Abugosh Int'l	3	1	3	1		2047	682		
Alghanim Freight	3	0	4	0		2162	721		

Individual Records:
Group A:
High-Game — Eva Sabay (236)
High-Series — Eva Sabay (579)
High-Average — Eva Sabay (193)

Group B:
High-Game — Baby Penaloza (173)
High-Series — Theresa Olor (485)
High-Average — Theresa Olor (162)



Johnson used silver pills for sex drive, says doctor

TORONTO, May 27. (Reuters): Ben Johnson's doctors testified yesterday that the sprinter kept a supply of silver pills to enhance his sex drive and counter the libido-inhibiting effects of steroids.

In his third day of testimony to a government inquiry into the use of drugs in sport, Dr. George Mario (Jamie) Astaphan also firmly denied giving Canadian athlete Winstrol-V, a form of the steroid stanozolol intended for animals.

Stanozolol was the steroid found in Johnson's urine sample and led to his disqualification after winning the 100 metres gold medal at last year's Seoul Olympics.

Astaphan, a Caribbean-born, Canadian-educated doctor, has said he suspected as early as 1987 that Johnson was using substances other than those he had prescribed.

Astaphan, 43, told the hearing yesterday that Johnson had "silver pills in a tiny plastic bag" when he visited the doctor at his Caribbean island home of St. Kitts in June 1988.

"These were pills for him to do his stuff — these were supposedly sexual stimulants," he said.

Astaphan then recited a shopping list of more than half a dozen substances, he said, which were easily obtainable in Canada that masked the use of banned steroids and hormones.

"If you take these drugs three or four days before a meet, you don't pass anything... detectable (in urine tests)," he said.

Astaphan said his favourite was "carnitide, the golden boy of them all. It's undetectable, it's not banned and it blocks everything."

He told the inquiry that underground laboratories had begun manufacturing steroids, including some in Canada and the United States, but he had never purchased their products.

"You never know what they're putting in the bottles, so it would be sort of unwise to purchase from them," Astaphan said.

He replied with an emphatic "no" when asked whether he planned to continue supplying banned performance-enhancing drugs to athletes.

The testimony came a day after the inquiry heard a tape of a phone conversation between Astaphan and Johnson in January 1988 in which Johnson admitted he used the banned steroids which cost him his gold medal.

Pressed on the Olympic drug test that Johnson failed, Astaphan rejected suggestions that he misled sprint team coach Charlie Francis, Johnson and other athletes about the kind of steroid they were receiving before the Games.

Earlier this month the inquiry saw invoices showing that Astaphan ordered large quantities of Winstrol V between 1985 and 1987.

Astaphan said he said he had shipped the Winstrol V to a friend, a businessman in St. Kitts, who used them to beef up animals. He repeated that the drug he prescribed to athletes was what he called "Estragol," a pseudonym for the steroid Furazabol.

The inquiry has heard that laboratory analysis of samples of what the athletes thought was "Estragol" was in fact stanozolol.

Ali's doctor convicted

GENEVA, May 27. (UPI): Muhammad Ali's former doctor, a Hilton Head, South Carolina cancer specialist convicted of fraud, was sentenced to four years in prison and banned from entering Switzerland for 10 years yesterday by a three-judge panel.

Dr. Rajko Medenica was convicted Thursday on charges of fraud and falsification of documents for bilking the Yugoslavian National Health System out of more than \$500,000.

Lakers overcome Suns for 3-0 lead

PHOENIX, May 27. (AP): James Worthy scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and the Los Angeles Lakers hit six free throws in the final 38 seconds to beat the Phoenix Suns 110-107 last night and take a 3-0 lead in their best-of-7 Western Conference final series.

The two-time defending champion Lakers can wrap up the series in game 4 tomorrow at Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum. No NBA team has ever come back from a 0-3 deficit to win a best-of-7 playoff series.

Los Angeles is now 10-0 in the playoffs this season, breaking the League record of nine consecutive wins the Lakers set in 1982.

Phoenix trailed 93-83 with 7:14 remaining in the game. But Eddie Johnson, the League's sixth man award winner, broke out of a series-long shooting slump to score nine points in a 4:06 span and give Phoenix a 103-102 lead on a three-point play with 1:50 remaining.

Armon Gilliam's layup with 1:22 left put the Suns up 105-102 before the Lakers won the game from the free-throw line.

Worthy sank two foul shots with 1:04 left, then Mychal Thompson converted two with 38 seconds remaining and two more with 22 seconds to play for a 108-105 lead.

Phoenix rookie Dan Majerle had his 3-point attempts bounce off the rim with 17 seconds left and 10 seconds remaining before Michael Cooper's free throws capped Los Angeles' scoring with eight seconds to go.

Kevin Johnson's layup for the Suns with four seconds left accounted for the final score.

Magic Johnson finished with 20 points for the Lakers while Cooper had 16. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar 15 and Thompson 13. Worthy also grabbed 12 rebounds and Magic Johnson 11 assists and nine rebounds, just missing a triple-double for the second straight game.

Astros cut down Pirates

Reds outlast Cubs

NEW YORK, May 27. (AP): Jim Clancy won for the first time since April 8 and Glenn Davis homered last night, leading the Houston Astros past Pittsburgh 4-2 to snap the Pirates' season-high four-game winning streak.

Clancy, 2-4, beat San Diego in his National League debut but went winless in his next seven starts, losing four. He allowed six hits in 6.2 innings, walked six and struck out five.

Dave Smith pitched a hitless ninth for his seventh save.

Neal Heaton, 1-5, lost for the eighth time in nine decisions since last July 26. Heaton, who beat Clancy last Sunday, allowed seven hits and four runs in five innings.

In other National League games yesterday, it was Cincinnati 10, Chicago 8, 12 innings; St. Louis 3, Atlanta 0; New York 8, Los Angeles 2; Montreal 5, San Diego 0; and San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 1.

Cardinals 3, Braves 0

Scott Terry allowed two hits in seven innings and Willie McGee drove in two runs as Atlanta lost its sixth straight and 11th in 13 games.

The Braves have scored 13 runs in their last 10 games and have been shut out four times.

Red 10, Cubs 8

Rolando Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning as Cincinnati rallied from a five-run deficit.

Roomies, who had three hits, hit his second Major-League homer off Calvin Schiraldi, 1-2, after Todd Benzinger, who drove in four runs, walked to start the inning.

Expos 5, Padres 0

Bryn Smith pitched a six-hitter for Montreal's third consecutive shutout as the Expos won their third straight. Smith, 5-1, struck out two and walked one in his first shutout and second complete game this season.

Montreal has not allowed a run in 28 consecutive innings.

The Expos' record of 41 consecutive shutout innings was set in May 1985.

Mets 8, Dodgers 2

Bob Ojeda pitched a seven-hitter for his first complete game since nearly severing a finger last September.

Darryl Strawberry drove in three runs with a pair of doubles as the Mets knocked out Hershey after five innings, his shortest outing in 19 starts. He was chased after two innings in a 1-5 loss to San Francisco last Aug. 14.

Ojeda, 2-5, struck out three and walked one as he became the first left-hander to beat the Dodgers at home this year.

Giants 6, Phillies 1

Scott Garretts allowed three hits in seven innings and struck out eight, and Robbie Thompson and Ernest Riles homered.

Garretts, 3-1, walked three as he matched the Giant's streakout high for the season. Jeff Brantley relieved in the eighth and Mike Lacoss pitched the ninth, completing a combined three-hitter.

Bob Sebra, 1-1, allowed seven hits and five runs in four innings, striking out five and walking one. Philadelphia lost its third straight and eighth in 11 games.

Angels 5, Red Sox 0

Chuck Finley, whose best game in 43 previous Major-League starts was a five-hitter, held Boston hitless until Jody Reed's looping single with two out in the eighth inning and pitched the California Angels to a one-hit 5-0 victory over Roger Clemens and the Red Sox last night.

Reed's soft single on an 0-1 pitch fell in front of center fielder Devon White, who had to pull up and let the ball drop. Finley, 7-2, walked four and struck out five in his fifth consecutive decision.

Lance Parrish got his sixth home run of the season with two out in the seventh.

In other games in the American League yesterday, it was Oakland 4, New York 0; Baltimore 5, Cleveland 2; Toronto 11, Chicago 3; Texas 5, Minnesota 3; Seattle 7, Milwaukee 2; and Kansas City 6, Detroit 3.

Athletics 4, Yankees 0

Todd Burns, making his first start of the season, allowed only an infield hit in 6.2 innings and three Oakland pitchers combined on a near-perfect one-hitter.

Burns, who had appeared in relief 11 times, was put in Oakland's rotation when Storm Davis went on the disabled list.

The A's took a 2-0 lead against Andy Hawkins in the fourth on Carney Lansford's double play grounder and Ron Hassey's RBI double. They made it 4-0 in the seventh on Hassey's leadoff single, Tony Phillips' RBI double and Mike Golek's single.

Orioles 5, Indians 2

Jeff Ballard posted his eighth victory, matching his victory total for 1988 and tying for the Major-League lead, and Larry

Sheets drove in two runs with a homer and single as Baltimore won its fourth straight and moved into first place in the American League East, one-half game ahead of Boston. Cleveland has lost four straight.

Baltimore 8-1, scattered five hits over the first seven innings and was relieved by Gregg Olson after the first two Cleveland batters singled in the eighth. Olson earned his third save.

Blue Jays 11, White Sox 3

Ernie Whitt drove in four runs with a three-run homer and a double and Toronto had its biggest inning of the season, an eight-run fifth, in handing Chicago its seventh consecutive setback.

Jimmy Key, 6-2, who allowed three runs and seven hits in eight innings, was the beneficiary of a 17-hit Toronto attack.

Bangers 5, Twins 3

Bobby Witt broke a personal four-game losing streak. Rick Leach had three hits, including his first home run since 1987, and Ruben Sierra's two-run triple keyed a four-run first inning. Witt hadn't won since April 25. He allowed four hits and three runs in 5.2-3 innings.

The first five Texas batters reached base against Roy Smith. Cecil Espy led off with double and consecutive singles by Scott Fletcher and Rafael Palmeiro produced the first run.

Mariners 7, Brewers 2

Scott Bradley and Ken Griffey Jr. homered as Seattle snapped a four-game losing streak. Bradley hit a three-run homer in the second inning to give the Mariners a 5-1 lead and chase Milwaukee starter Don August.

Lancia expect to open new era

Biasion set to shine again

ATHENS, May 27. (Reuters): World Champion Massimo Biasion sets out to lead Lancia to another sweep of honours when the four-day Acropolis Rally — sixth round of the 1989 campaign — begins today.

Emphatic victories in three events this year have left the Italian clear at the top of the world championship standings with 60 points, 25 more than his French team-mate Didier Auriol.

Biasion and Lancia swept to victory in the dirt and dust here last year — the driver winning by more than seven minutes from Swede Mikael Ericsson, the team packing five cars in the top six. A similar performance this year is expected.

After winning the Monte Carlo, Portuguese and Safari rallies, Biasion's retirement from April's Corsica event allowed Auriol to claim his first win of the year and reduce the Italian's championship lead.

In sweltering heat and on the loose gravel of the twisting mountain roads on which he thrives, Biasion will want to return to winning ways in the 1,880-km event, which includes 42 special stages, to consolidate his championship lead.

Lancia, runaway leaders in the manufacturers' title race with 95 points, celebrated their 50th world championship victory in Corsica and are expected to open a new era by equipping one of the



Biasion: will want to return to winning ways

works cars with a semi-automatic clutch.

Toyota are struggling to match the power of the Lancias despite a talented team of drivers which includes former world champion Juha Kankkunen of Finland, Spain's Carlos Sainz and Swedish veteran Bjorn Waldegard. But they trail Lancia by 53 points.

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Geiberger hits 6-under-par 66 for early lead

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 27. (AP): Al Geiberger shook off the effects of a head cold to shoot a bogey-free, 6-under-par 66 yesterday and take the first-round lead in the Southwestern Bell Classic.

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Schwartz lastest in opening practice

Grady grabs second round lead at Atlanta Classic

MARIETTA, Georgia, May 27. (Reuters): Wayne Grady said yesterday that he wants to follow in Ian Baker-Finch's footsteps and become the second Australian as many weeks to win on the US men's golf tour.

"I'd like to repeat what Ian did last week, but with 36 holes to play, I'm going to start thinking about it," said Grady, who equaled the day's low round with a six-under-par 66 to grab a one-stroke lead midway through the \$900,000 Atlanta Golf Classic.

Last week, Baker-Finch, a close friend and fellow Queensland native of Grady's, led wire-to-wire as he captured the \$1 million Colonial golf tournament.

Grady stood at eight-under-par 136 after two rounds, one stroke ahead of first round leader Jay Don Blake, who shot a 71 yesterday and was tied with Mike Hulbert, Duffy Waldorf, Larry Silveira and Ray Stewart at 137.

Iso Aoki of Japan, Canadian Dave Barr, Dave Rummels, Brad Faxon, Ronnie Black, Hubert Green and Dewey Arnette were tied at five-under-par 139.

Grady had six birdies and no bogeys in a splendid round in humid weather.

"I kept the ball in play all day and that's what it's all about," said Grady.

He took the lead with a birdie at his 16th hole, making a putt of three feet after a good wedge shot. Grady finished the round with a 35-foot birdie putt from the back edge of the green.

Twice during his five years on the US tour Grady has finished second but he has yet to win a title. Last year, he won the Australian PGA championship in a playoff over compatriot Greg Norman.

Okamoto moves ahead

CORNING, N.Y., May 27. (Reuters): Japan's Ayako Okamoto shot a five-under-par 66 yesterday to grab a one stroke lead over Beth Daniel after two rounds of the \$325,000 Corning Classic women's golf tournament.

Okamoto posted four birdies and a bogey on the 6,006-yard Corning Country Club course. But the highlight of her round was an eagle on the par-four sixth hole when she pitched in from 109 yards out.

"Today I didn't want to play that aggressively," said Okamoto, who stood at seven-under-par 135. "I was chipping really well," she said.

Daniel, who also posted a second round five-under-par, recorded six birdies and one bogey and was alone in second place at 136 despite trouble with the wind.

"The wind was blowing in a totally different direction (from Thursday)," she said. "This is tough mentally."

A birdie on the fourth hole — her 13th — brought Daniel to within one stroke of Okamoto at six-under-par. But she fell back to five-under when she bogeyed the par-four fifth hole.

Daniel birdied her final hole from eight feet to move back to one stroke off the pace.

First round co-leader Dawn Coe was tied with Colleen Walker, Tracy Kerdyk and Laurie Merten for third place, four strokes behind Okamoto.

Brundell attempted to take the last corner flat out in sixth gear in a bid to make up for a loss of engine power.

"I lost all my grip half way through the corner," he said. "I just went straight off into the tyres."

The resurgence of the Tyrrells, hinted at in Monaco earlier in the month, was continued by the fine form of both Palmer and his Italian team-mate Michele Alboreto.

Palmer said: "The car is amazingly competitive and I just cannot wait for the race on Sunday."

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Lawson aims to repeat West German GP victory

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, May 27. (Reuters): World 500cc motorcycle champion Eddie Lawson, suited by the fast track, believes he can repeat his victory here of two years ago in tomorrow's West German Grand Prix.

The rider's boycott in the rain in the last round two weeks ago in July left the American second in this season's championship 10 points behind compatriot Wayne Rainey.

But Honda rider Lawson, who won West German Grand Prix in 1986 and 1987, says the long Hockenheim straights favour his machine.

"These straights are overtaking lanes for the Honda... Hockenheim is the first time this season we've really been able to use the power of the Hondas," he said.

But, as in Italy, early practice was dominated by the Suzuki of last year's winner, Kevin Schwantz.

The American won in Japan this year but crashed while leading the Spanish Grand Prix with six laps to go.

Schwantz's time of two minutes 02.86 seconds was nearly three seconds faster than the official lap record. Lawson was fifth best in 2:05.00.

Australian Kevin Magee is back in action six weeks after breaking a leg and an ankle at the US Grand Prix and only one week after having a screw removed from the ankle.

He finished a respectable 11th in the first practice session.

Rainey, one of five riders who have won one race each in a closely fought series, managed only seventh place.

Rainey, Lawson and Schwantz were among 20 top riders fined \$750 10 days ago by the International Motorcycling Federation (FIM) for refusing to race in the re-started Italian Grand Prix.

Discontent between competitors and organisers continued yesterday after almost all the works teams failed to turn up for the first day of unofficial practice on Wednesday.

Practice Times

1. Kevin Schwantz (US) Suzuki two minutes 02.86 seconds (average speed 198.928 kph)

2. Wayne Rainey (US) Yamaha 2:04.36

3. Michael Doohan (Australia) Honda 2:04.63

4. Ron Haslam (Britain) Suzuki 2:04.65

5. Eddie Lawson (US) Honda 2:05.00

6. Christian Sarron (France) Yamaha 2:05.10

Scots set to complete Japan tour

TOKYO, May 27. (Reuters): Scotland should complete their five-game rugby union tour of Japan tomorrow with a convincing victory in the only Test match.

Japan's team manager Hiroaki Shukuzawa said he was encouraged by the showing last weekend when an under-23 selection ran in three second half tries against the touring tourists.

Scottish coach Richie Dixon was also impressed by the determination shown by Japan's youngsters. "We were continually embarrassed by Japan's bold play," he said.

But the Scots still won 51-25, the fourth big success of the tour, and Dixon's comment that he had learned a lot from the ebullient Japanese approach indicates the hosts will be offered few opportunities tomorrow.

History and the current state of the Japanese game suggests Scotland will add another international victory to the three recorded in 1974, 1977 and 1986, despite having most of the five nations championship side on duty with the British Lions.

Probable teams:

Japan — Toshitugu Yamamoto, Nofomvli Taumocofolau, Eiji Kutsuki, Seiji Hirao (captain), Yoshitomo Yoshida, Shin-ohu Aoki, Masami Horikoshi, Sinali Latu, Shuji Nakajima, Hiroyuki Kajiwara, Atsushi Oyagi, Toshiyuki, Hayashi, Masanori Tanokura, Tsuyoshi Fujita, Osamu Ota.

Scotland — Cameron Glasgow, Matt Duncan, Ruari Maclean, Sean Linen, Iwan Tukalo, Douglas Wylie, Greig Oliver, Iain Paxton, Graham Marshall, Derek Turnbull, Damian Cronin, Chris Gray, Grant Wilson, Jim Hay, Alex Brewster (captain).

Rottoli wins

BERGAMO, Italy, May 27. (AP): Angelo Rottoli took the vacant European light heavyweight title last night in front of his home crowd when he defeated Norway's Magne Havnaa on a technical knock out in the fifth round.

H & E hold prize-giving ceremony

THE Hunting & Equestrian Golf Club held its annual prize-giving ceremony on Thursday. Prizes were given to winners of the club's major golf championships held during 1988-1989 season.

The final results were as follows:

1. Club champion — best gross — Adnan Asaf.
2. Jashanmal Trophy: given to the singles knock-out champion was won by Mahmoud Taqi with Tony Jashanmal taking the runner-up spot.
3. Best net aggregate — Stephen Walters.

4. Swiss Shield: given to the pairs knock-out champions was won by the Korean duo H.W. Baek and Y.H. Kim with Dr P. Sahni and R.K. Sethi taking the runner-up spot.
5. The Electric: winners for ladies were Deldre Brero (gross) and Eileen Walters (net). For the men, Adnan Asaf (gross) and H.S. Shum (net).

6. Ramadan Trophy was won by Adnan Asaf with Peter Benham taking the runner-up spot.
7. Seniors Cup was won by Ali Alamudin.
8. The Summer Cup was won by Suhail Gidwani.

The club's annual general meeting was held before the prize giving ceremony. A new committee was elected as follows:

Dr Ahmad Al Mutawi, president; Tony Jashanmal and Mahmoud Taqi (as vice-presidents) were re-elected for another three-year term.

Club captain for 1989-1990 season will be Ken Smith with Peter Benham as vice-captain. Retiring captain Dr Pritham Sahni chaired the meeting and also presented prizes to the winners.



Adnan Asaf: won the Ramadan Trophy

Becker leads West Germany into final

DUSSELDORF, West Germany, May 27. (Reuters): Boris Becker continued his build-up to next week's French Open in relaxed but commanding style as he steered West Germany into the final of the World Team Cup tennis tournament today.

The 21-year-old world number two swept aside American Tim Mayotte 6-3 in just an hour-and-a-half to set West Germany on their way to victory over the United States and a clash with Argentina in Sunday's final.

Carl-Uwe Steeb easily overcame Aaron Krickstein 6-2 to 6-2 to secure the Davis Cup titleholders' success after the two singles rubbers and win the four-nation Group Two.

Tomorrow will be West Germany's first appearance in the final in the event's 11-year history.

Ireland hope to have key players fit for World Cup qualifier

DUBLIN, May 27. (Reuters): Ireland manager Jack Charlton is keeping his fingers crossed that the six members of his squad involved in yesterday's Liverpool-Arsenal English championship title decider will be fit to play in a World Cup qualifier against Malta tomorrow.

The six — Ray Houghton, Ronnie Whelan, John Aldridge and Steve Staunton of Liverpool and Arsenal's

Niall Quinn and David O'Leary — are due to join the squad today. Charlton's plans have already been disrupted with four players currently unable to train because of injury.

"It's a disaster area at the moment, but I am convinced we can get things organised by tomorrow morning," said Charlton of his team's preparations. Ireland got off to a good start in the

first of four successive home matches when they beat Group Six leaders Spain 1-0 last month. But the Spaniards are on the course to win the five-nation group, with the second qualifying spot, seemingly between Hungary and Ireland.

Victory over Malta would lift Ireland above Hungary into second place in the table.

Malta have only two points from six matches and have failed to win any of their last 31 World Cup matches. However, they did create a surprise last month when they held Hungary to a 1-1 draw in Budapest.

Their West German coach Horst Hesse was pessimistic about his team's chances of causing a similar upset tomorrow.

"I fear you will be too good for us," he said of his opponents.

However, Irish defender Kevin Moran warned home fans not to expect a goal avalanche.

"A victory of any sort is vital against Malta. We will worry about the goal tally once we have taken the lead," he said.

Probable teams:

Ireland — Pat Bonner, Chris Hughton, Steve Staunton, Mick McCarthy, Kevin Moran, Ronnie Whelan, Paul McGrath, Ray Houghton, Frank Stapleton, Tony Casarino, Kevin Whalley, Malta — David Chetani, Silvio Vella, Joe Galea, Michael de Giorgio, Charles Scerri, Raymond Vella, Carmel Busuttil, Martin Gregory, David Carrabott.

Arsenal clinch title

Liverpool lose 2-0 in last match

LONDON, May 27. (Reuters): Liverpool had English soccer history snatched from their grasp by an injury-time goal as they went down 2-0 to Arsenal yesterday.

The victory gave the League championship to Arsenal and deprived Liverpool of the chance of becoming the first club to complete the English League title and FA Cup double twice.

After defeating Everton 3-2 last Saturday to lift the Football Association Cup and disposing of West Ham 5-1 in the League on Tuesday, all Liverpool needed to do yesterday to retain their title and complete the double was avoid a two-goal defeat.

But in the last first Division game of the season they failed in the most dramatic circumstances.

Alan Smith scored a notly-disputed 52nd minute header to put the Londoners ahead.

Then, a minute into injury time, Michael Thomas hit the second to give Arsenal their first League title since 1971 — the year they also won the FA Cup.

Heartbroken Liverpool players sank to the turf in disbelief after Thomas, fed by Smith, coolly guided his shot over the body of goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar from 15 metres.

But the Liverpool supporters warmly applauded as ecstatic Arsenal paraded the trophy in an emotional lap of honour.

Liverpool had not lost at home by two clear goals for more than three years and they were unbeaten in their previous 24 games.

At the end of February they



Liverpool's Ray Houghton (left) fires a shot past Arsenal's Nigel Winterburn. (Reuters wirephoto)

stood 19 points behind Arsenal but the final twist of an unpredictable campaign, which included the tragedy of Hillsborough, went the way of the Londoners.

Both sides finished on 76 points from their 38 games with a goal difference of 37. But Arsenal took the title because they scored 73 goals compared to 65 by Liverpool.

Arsenal captain Tony Adams said: "There was no way Liverpool were going to come back after we scored that late."

"The boys were magnificent, they played brilliantly. We were all so fired up."

"Anfield is a very hard place to come to in any situation, let alone having to win a match by two clear goals. We just gave it our best shot and it worked out on the night."

The form of Liverpool, who had been unbeaten since New Year's day, had been seemingly unaffected by the trauma of last month's Hillsborough disaster which claimed 95 lives.

Arsenal had taken only one point out of a possible six from their last two home League matches and apparently left themselves a near-impossible task.

But it was Liverpool's eighth game in 23 days and as in the Cup final against Everton they conceded a last minute goal, which this time proved disastrous.

Ironically, Arsenal's last two League triumphs, in 1953 and 1971, were both clinched with victories in the last match of the season.

Some 4,000 fans had travelled

north from London but even their optimism was wearing a bit thin as the game ticked into injury time.

Arsenal had laid siege to the Liverpool goal in those closing stages and they could well have paid the penalty as Liverpool looked to cash in with their counter-breaks.

But this was one occasion when things simply did not go Liverpool's way and a jubilant Thomas threw himself head-over-heels after sealing a famous victory.

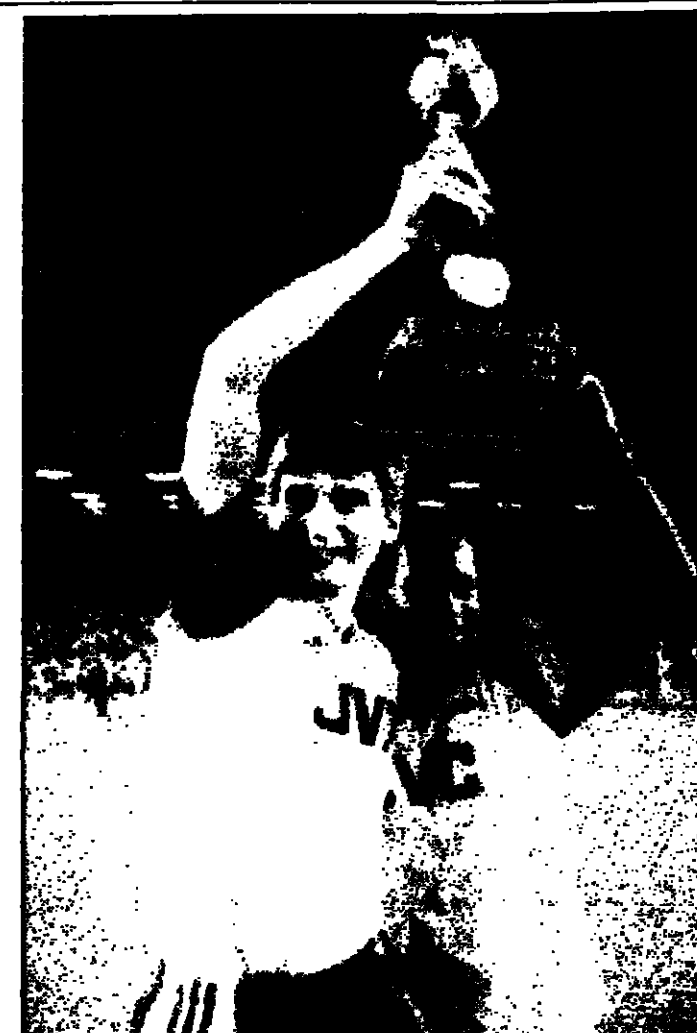
After a fiercely contested match in which Thomas and his Arsenal team-mate Kevin Richardson were booked, Arsenal manager George Graham, a member of the Highbury double side of 1971, said: "We didn't feel under any pressure particularly, because I don't think anybody outside Highbury thought we could do it."

"Obviously Liverpool are a tremendous side — they are the side everybody tries to emulate. There is still a lot of improvement needed in my side, but tonight it was our night."

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish said: "Obviously we're disappointed not to win the title after going so close."

Dalglish added: "It was magnificent really considering everything they've been through. To come so close as that was an achievement in itself — although at Liverpool we will never accept second best..."

"I think really it wasn't to be. There's one or two things that happened that never went our way that maybe have gone our



Arsenal's Alan Smith (left) and Michael Thomas lift the League trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

way in the past."

Standings

Final English Football League Division One table after yesterday's game. (Table under — played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Arsenal	38	22	10	6	73	36	76
Liverpool	38	22	10	6	65	28	76
Nottingham Forest	38	17	11	10	48	45	62
Derby	38	17	7	14	40	38	58
Tottenham	38	15	12	11	60	46	57
Coventry	38	14	13	11	47	42	55
Everton	38	14	12	12	50	45	54
Q.P.R.	38	14	11	13	43	37	53
Millwall	38	14	11	13	47	52	53
Manchester U.	38	13	12	13	45	35	51
Wimbledon	38	14	9	15	50	46	51
Southampton	38	10	15	13	42	66	45
Charlton	38	10	12	16	44	58	42
Sheffield Wed	38	10	12	16	34	51	42
Luton	38	10	11	17	42	52	41
Aston Villa	38	9	13	16	45	56	40
Middlesbrough	38	9	12	17	44	61	39
West Ham	38	10	8	20	37	62	38
Newcastle	38	7	10	21	32	63	31

England and Australia tie second one-day match

NOTTINGHAM, May 27. (Reuters): England and Australia tied their second one-day 55 overs-a-side cricket international at Trent Bridge today.

The scores were England 226 for five innings closed, Australia 226 for eight innings closed.

Alan Lamb of England completed a superb century off the final ball of the innings today.

Lamb's 104-ball unbeaten 100 — his fourth limited overs international century — enabled England to total 226 for five from their 55 overs in the second match of the series at Trent Bridge.

The 34-year-old Northamptonshire captain paced his innings to perfection, the second 50 coming off only 34 deliveries.

When Lamb walked to the wicket in the 21st over England were struggling at 57 for two, having already lost openers Graham Gooch (10) and Gower (28) on a pitch of variable bounce.

There was another crisis soon after lunch as off-spinner Tim May removed Mike Gating (37) and Robin Smith (three) in the space of five balls.

Lamb even had the unsettling experience of being involved in the dismissal of Ian Botham as England slipped to 138 for five.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND

G. Gooch c Jones b Alderman 10

D. Gower b Waugh 28

M. Gating b May 37

A. Lamb not out 100

R. Smith st Healy b May 3

I. Botham run out 8

D. Pringle not out 25

Extras (lb-14 w-1) 15

Total (for five wickets) 226 — innings closed

Fall of wickets: 1-30 2-57 3-119 4-123 5-138

Did not bat: S. Rhodes, P. De Freitas, J. Embury, N. Foster

Bowling: Alderman 9-2-38-1, Lawson 11-0-47-0, Rackemann 11-1-37-0, Waugh 11-1-47-1, May 11-1-35-2, Moody 2-0-8-0

AUSTRALIA

D. Boon b Botham 28

G. Marsh b Embury 34

D. Jones b Rhodes 29

A. Border c Embury b Pringle 39

S. Waugh run out 43

T. Moody run out 10

I. Healy not out 26

G. Lawson c Gooch b Foster 1

T. May b De Freitas 2

C. Rackemann not out 0

Extras (lb-6 w-7) 14

Total (for eight wickets) 226 — innings closed

Fall of wickets: 1-59 2-81 3-116 4-154 5-174 6-205 7-228 8-225

Did not bat: T. Alderman

Bowling: Foster 11-2-44-1, De Freitas 11-0-48-1, Pringle 11-1-38-1, Botham 11-0-42-1, Embury 11-0-47-2

Galaxy overwhelm Gymkhana

GALAXY Cricket Club, led by Riaz Chaudhry, started their summer season with an eight-wicket victory over Lahore Gymkhana in the inaugural match of the Millat Summer Cup at the Airport ground on Friday.

Lahore Gymkhana, batting first, were only able to score 160 for the loss of nine wickets in their 25 allotted overs. The main feature of their innings was a 95-run stand between Amjad and Shafiq.

Shafiq was out for 45 but Amjad went on to score 61. Tarique Chaudhry took three wickets for 23 while Shabbir bagged two for 26. The other wicket-takers were Riaz Mian and Razzak.

Galaxy, requiring nearly 6.5 runs per over, lost opener Ashraf Rana for only six runs. Shabbir, however, provided support to Razzak and both added 59 runs before the former was out for 17.

Razzak was in terrific form and he hit all the bowlers at will, scoring an unbeaten 104 with the help of three sixes and 14 fours as Galaxy reached the required target in 17.5 overs.

Galaxy will now meet the winner of the Super Star-Young Boys match in the semifinal.



Razzak: 104 not out

Cup hopefuls grab second chance

WENTWORTH, England, May 27. (Reuters): English Ryder Cup hopefuls Denis Durnian and Paul Broadhurst seized their chance to impress European captain Tony Jacklin in today's second round of the British PGA golf championship.

Both had fuffed opportunities in yesterday's first round when they also played with Jacklin.

But today the two candidates for Ryder Cup debuts in this September's match against the United States flourished. Durnian following his opening 73 with a four-under-par 68 and Broadhurst knocking eight shots off his first with a 69.

Pick fails to give Nottinghamshire victory

LONDON, May 27. (Reuters): A day of challenging declarations narrowly failed to produce a result when last man Andy Pick was unable to score the required three runs off the final ball for Nottinghamshire in their match against Worcestershire yesterday.

Two declarations on the final day of their three-day county championship match left Notts chasing 240 for victory.

First Notts declared their first innings 59 behind on 150 for three and Worcestershire responded to the challenge by closing their second innings at 180 for three with Graeme Hick unbeaten on 90.

But after a sound first wicket partnership of 74 by Chris Broad (40) and Mike Newell (62), Notts faltered against the tight bowling of Phil Newport, who finished



Hick: unbeaten 90

with four for 64, and Richard Illingsworth who took three for 68.

The visitors needed 10 from Neal Radford's final over but Cliff Scott was bowled for seven



Broad: scored 40

off the fifth ball and Pick was unable to score from the last delivery to leave Notts on 238 for nine and the match drawn.

Championship leaders Lancashire's hopes of adding to their

three wins so far this season were blunted by dogged Surrey resistance at the Oval.

Surrey were left a target of 290 off 59 overs but after Pakistani Test paceman Wasim Akram blasted out openers Darren Bicknell and Graeme Clinton with only 14 on the board they made no attempt to chase the runs.

The match ended in a tame draw with Surrey on 119 for three.

Both of the other championship matches, between Yorkshire and Derbyshire and Leicestershire and Kent, also ended in draws.

Results

At Headingley: Yorkshire v Derbyshire match drawn.

Derbyshire 178 in 82.4 overs and 189 for seven (J. Morris 70, R. Sharma 53 not out).

Yorkshire 313 in 104.2 overs (I. Swallow 64).

At Leicestershire: Leicestershire v Kent match drawn. Kent 307 in 123.4 overs and

133 for one declared (T. Ward 69).

Leicestershire 201 for seven declared in 78.4 overs (L. Potter 56) and 184 for seven.

At the Oval: Surrey v Lancashire match drawn. Lancashire 257 in 91.1 overs and 232 for four declared (G. Fowler 52, G. Mendis 40).

Surrey 200 for three declared in 60 overs and 119 for three. Surrey 6 points Lancashire 4.

At Worcester: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire match drawn. Worcestershire 209 in 96.2 overs and 180 for three declared (G. Hick 90 not out, P. Neale 51 not out).

Nottinghamshire 150 for three declared in 59 overs (T. Robinson 54 not out) and 138 for nine (M. Newell 62, C. Broad 40, P. Newport four for 64).

Worcestershire 3 points Nottinghamshire 5.

Other matches: At Farnham: Essex beat Cambridge University by an innings and 30 runs.

Cambridge University 133 in 184 (S. James 60, J. Willatt, 44, J. Childs seven for 35).

Essex 347 for six declared.

At the Parks: Oxford v Oxford University match drawn.

Middlesex 358 for one declared and 171 for three declared (K. Brown 91).

Oxford University 92 and 174 for five (S. Almer 62).

Revie dies in hospital

LONDON, May 27. (Reuters): Don Revie, one of the most controversial figures in British soccer, died yesterday aged 61 after suffering from the muscle-wasting motor-neurone disease for nearly three years.

Revie caused a furore in 1977 when he gave up as England manager to work in the United Arab Emirates as coach to the national side.

He had held the English job for three years after making his name at Leeds United where he created one of the best club sides in Europe in the late 1960s and early 70s.

But after he returned home in 1984 he never worked in English soccer again. He moved to his

wife's native Scotland and died in hospital in Edinburgh where he had been for the last week.

Revie infuriated his employers, the Football Association, by making a clandestine journey to accept a lucrative contract with the Emirates when he should have been taking England on a South American tour.

Officials only found out by reading the press. They later slapped a ten-year management ban on him for breaking his contract, although this was later overturned in court.

Critics claimed that as manager his anxiety and minute attention to detail only confused players.



N.Ireland's Michael O'Neill (right) lends off Hisis of Chile. (Reuters wirephoto)

Chile edge N.Ireland

BELFAST, May 27. (Reuters): A lone goal by Fernando Astengo was enough to give Chile a 1-0 win over Northern Ireland in poorly attended friendly soccer international yesterday.

Only 2,500 spectators turned up at the 30,000 capacity stadium to watch the game in which Northern Ireland were frustrated by negative and time-wasting tactics by the Chileans.

Chile, who are preparing for World Cup qualifying ties against Brazil and Venezuela in August, scored in the 44th minute after a quick, penetrating break from defence.

Oswaldo Hurtado slipped the ball forward to Jaime Vera and his low cross was right-footed into the net by Astengo.

Three superb saves in the second half by goalkeeper Roberto Rojas enabled Chile to cling on to their lead.

He finger-tipped a shot from a scissors-kick from Mal Donaghy over the bar, brought off a one-handed save on the line from Michael O'Neill and then clutched a dangerous headed from substitute Liam Coyle.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sheikh Fahd

CAIRO, May 27. (KUNA): President of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed called HH the Amir's stance regarding participation in the 1990 Moscow Olympic Games. Speaking here on the Arab sports movement and its relationship with the international Olympic movement, Sheikh Fah